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E-Land's target: High-end tourists

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SEOUL, South Korea—High quality tourism—not mass tourism—is the goal of the Korean conglomerate that will soon be opening the Kensington Hotel Saipan in Marpi.

According to E-Land Group's vice chair Sky Park, they are not only seeking to develop the site but also in trying to bring in a specific class of tourists.

"We're not only seeking to develop the site, we are also trying to bring tourists from

other destinations," Park said, speaking through interpreter Ted Jung, director of sales and marketing.

E-Land said they are not only focusing on the Korean market.

"We are not only looking

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E Land vice chair Sky Park, left, speaks to the Saipan media about their three-stage plan for the island during a press conference in Seoul, South Korea. At right is interpreter Ted Jung, director of sales and marketing.

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Group returning to Saipan to search for US WWII MIAs

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ALBANY, N.Y.—A private Japanese organization that has found the remains of World War II soldiers on Saipan is planning another excavation on the Pacific island in the hopes of finding more unmarked graves, including those of American servicemen still listed as missing in action from a fierce battle fought more than 70 years ago.

The leaders of Kuentai-USA told The Associated Press that a team of about a

dozen Japanese and American volunteers plans to search an area of Saipan where the U.S. Army's 27th Infantry Division was hit by the largest suicide attack of the Pacific ground war. The New York National Guard unit suffered hundreds of casualties, many of them New Yorkers.

The division's 105th Regiment suffered nearly 1,000 killed and wounded during what became known as the "banzai attack" on July 7, 1944.

Scores of New Yorkers
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Wiseman retiring from bench

» **15th Superior Court Judge to leave the bench after serving 15 years**

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David A. Wiseman, the longest serving judge in the Commonwealth Superior Court, is retiring effective May 2016.

Wiseman, 73, informed Gov. Eloy S. Inos on Friday of his decision to retire from the bench, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

"I am truly grateful for having had the very special and profound opportunity of being able to serve the people of the CNMI, in several capacities, over a period of more than 38 years of my career spent in the CNMI," said Wiseman in his letter to Inos on Friday.

Wiseman did not specifically mention the reason for his retirement.

"The life winds of change have decided to steer me in a new direction which has motivated this notice of retirement," he said.

When asked about his plans, Wiseman replied, "The future plan [is] uncertain at this time."

Wiseman, however, stated that he will be going back and forth to Hawaii, where his wife currently works.

Wiseman began work in the CNMI as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, serving the pre-Com-

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Wiseman



AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Favorite Japanese food and games were featured at the Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas' Autumn Festival at the Sugar King Park last Saturday.

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CPA objects to DPL proposed lease for new port dock

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The Department of Public Lands' proposed lease of property for a dock in Puerto Rico may infringe on the Commonwealth Ports Authority's jurisdiction over ports in the Commonwealth, according to CPA counsel Robert Torres yesterday, as the proposed facility would also compete with existing stevedores that CPA profits from.

Torres, in a report to the CPA board on "leases" last week, said CPA has commented on the proposed lease for this docking

facility. He said CPA has objected to the lease, citing CPA statute for its jurisdiction over ports and harbors.

He also said the Department of Lands and Natural Resources has also put in its objection as the "lease involved submerged lands," which is under DLNR's jurisdiction.

"The contemplated lease would allow stevedoring," Torres told board members. "There is an existing contract with Saipan Stevedore, for which CPA receives its money."

"CPA is objecting to that lease," Torres said.

Saipan Tribune tried but

failed to obtain comment from DPL. An email sent to DLNR was also not responded to as of press time.

Torres was referring to Pacific

ic Marine Enterprises' proposed lease with DPL for the purpose "of operating and managing a marine facility...to construct and operate a concrete loading

dock for vessel and offloading with an administration building, and associated activities," according to a copy of the notice of the proposed lease.

The term of the proposed lease is 25 years.

According to a copy of the lease, the public land is adjacent to the Tanapag lagoon.

Fijian student wins 'Face of the Future' TV show competition

SUVA, Fiji—University of the South Pacific student Ivy Talei Marrissia Toro will be the new face on *The Pacific Way*, the flagship TV show of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, come 2016.

Toro will work with *The Pacific Way* crew to film and share her story on youth issues, which will be aired on

21 stations across the Pacific Islands region.

SPC launched *The Pacific Way: Face of the Future Competition* on Aug. 12—International Youth Day—inviting young people in the Pacific to raise awareness of the new Pacific Youth Development Framework aimed at achieving a sustainable Pa-



Ivy Toro poses at the SPC office in Suva, Fiji.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

cific where all young people are safe, respected, empowered and resilient.

The 19-year-old Foundation Science student at the USP won the public vote to become a guest reporter with 434 likes on Facebook and YouTube, edging out fellow finalist Clemensia Talo Sioneholo of Niue.

Toro, from Ba Province in the Western side of Fiji, attributed her win to her mother and sister who urged her to apply.

"I hope to raise awareness not only in Fiji but in other Pacific Island countries on learning and development disabilities among young people in our nations. This affects quality education and their employment opportunities," she said.

Toro said that sharing her story on *The Pacific Way*

would be a positive way to address the issue.

"I went through school meeting youth with disability challenges, who struggled through school and did not have access to proper help. I look forward to getting my message across and helping parents realize that their child may need that extra attention," she explained.

SPC's Audiovisual Team Leader, Joji Nabalarua, congratulated Toro saying this is a rare chance for a young person to showcase their creative flair for storytelling focused on an issue important to them.

"We look forward to working with Toro to film and produce her story about youth and disability in Fiji and share it with viewers throughout the Pacific," Nabalarua said. (SPC)



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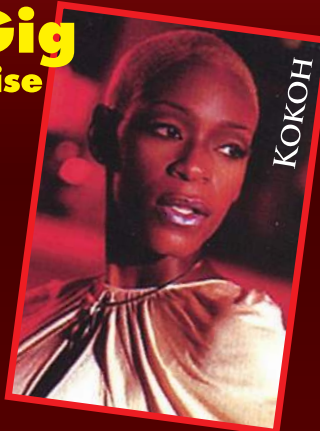
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Frances A. Castro
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Tinian Kanadan Magpo Homestead project under permit application No. TMS-2015-X-059. The permit application was submitted by the Department of Public Lands for the subdivision of 159 residential lots, 1 commercial lot, and 1 ponding basin. The entire project covers an area of 40.26 acres of public lands including 3.07 acres of the north and south access roads that will be improved. The project will be located on the south side of Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The public hearing is scheduled for November 18, 2015, at 5:30PM at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, San Jose, Tinian.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Tinian Kanadan Magpo project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

All Mobil gas stations on Saipan now operational

Mobil announced Friday that its Chalan Piao service station, which suffered significant damage as a result of Typhoon Soudelor, is now operational.

In a statement Friday, Mobil said that motorists gassing up at the Chalan Piao station may use a temporary kiosk at the service station to refuel. Work continues on the building that houses the convenience store in the back court of the station. The convenience store is expected to open for business sometime in the first quarter of next year.

Ten of Mobil's service stations sustained minor damage when Typhoon Soudelor hit the island in early August. They were quickly fixed and were open to first responders and es-

sential services within a day after the typhoon.

With services restored at the Chalan Piao station, Mobil's entire network of service stations on Saipan is now open to serve the public.

While repair work on the station was carried out by local contractors, the Mobil team on Saipan also tapped the company's resources and expertise from around the region, for the various other matters that were required for the station to be operational. There was also close coordination with the government agencies for the necessary permits and approvals required for the temporary kiosk at the site.

Charles Ewart, president of

Mobil Oil Mariana Islands said: "The opening of Chalan Piao service station just three months after it was badly damaged by the typhoon is a testament to the quality and commitment our team in Saipan and Guam.

"They pressed on and worked to resolve various challenges to put up the temporary kiosk so that we can begin serving our customers safely in this part of Saipan while the longer-term repair work is undertaken." (Mobil)

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FY 2016 limit set for CNMI-only transitional workers

WASHINGTON—The Department of Homeland Security will allow up to 12,999 non-immigrants in fiscal year 2016 for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands-Only Transitional Worker program, or CW-1. DHS published the notice in Friday's *Federal Register*.

Under the CW-1 program, employers in the CNMI can apply for temporary permission to employ foreign nationals who are ineligible for any existing employment-based nonimmigrant category under the Immigration and Nationality Act. The CW program is in effect until Dec. 31, 2019. DHS reduced the FY 2016 CW-1 limit by 1,000 to meet the CNMI's existing labor market needs and provide opportunity for potential growth, while meeting a regulatory requirement to reduce the numeri-

cal limit each year.

Friday's announcement does not affect the status of current CW-1 workers unless their employer files for an extension of their current authorized period of stay. Approved petitions with an employment-start date between Oct. 1, 2015, and Sept. 30, 2016, will generally count toward the 12,999 limit. The numerical limit applies only to CW-1 principals. It does not directly affect anyone currently holding CW-2 status, which is for spouses and minor children of CW-1 nonimmigrants. However, CW-2 nonimmigrants may be indirectly affected because their status depends upon that of the principal CW-1.

For more information and announcements about immigration benefits in the CNMI, visit the CNMI Web page at www.uscis.gov/cnmi. (USCIS)

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Japan's food and culture in full display at annual festival



The Japanese Society of the NMI's annual Autumn Festival held at the Sugar King Park in Garapan on Saturday draws a sizeable crowd. The most popular booths at the festival were the food.

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Japanese and non-Japanese alike, some in colorful kimonos, celebrated the Autumn Festival with the Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas last Saturday.

The Sugar King Park in Garapan was filled with families and friends to celebrate the event, dubbed the Japanese Society Charity Autumn Festival.

Prior to the festival opening, a ceremony was held with a high priest from Japan, High Priest Takahashi, presiding and praying for the CNMI.

"That is to pray for the island's safety and the people that are living here," society vice chair Hiroko Tenorio.

Tenorio said in Japan, the ceremonies are held in partnership with shrines.

After the ceremony, there was a scramble to take home charms that had been prayed over.

The Japanese Society hosts this annual event as part of its cultural exchange activity in the CNMI.

"It is important for the Japanese people that are living here. At the same time, we want to show our culture to the local people here. We want them to experience what we have," Tenorio said.

"The Autumn Festival is an important event for the Japanese, hundreds and hundreds of years old. This is the time when

the rice comes out in the rice fields," she added.

Among those present at the festival were Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Reps. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero and Ed Villagomez, and members of the Japanese Consulate, as well as Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

The three-hour festival was packed with activities. At the bazaar, cheap items including clothes, shoes, household items, and books were for sale for pennies and quarters.

Booths with various games such as super ball, water balloon fishing, and shooting were also set up. Winners can take home toys straight from Japan or even dried salmon and luxury items from DFS Galleria such as bags and a GoPro camera.

Contests were also held for the crowd.

To further showcase the Japanese culture, a performance showing the styles of swinging a sword was also staged.

The highlight of the event was the Japanese food. Restaurants such as Himawari, Kinpachi and Furusato each had their own booths.

Among the most lined up for was sauce-senbei, which are rice crackers topped with special sauce. Tako-yaki and old time favorites such as yaki-tori, karaage, yaki-meshi, shaved ice, curry rice, beef bowl, ramen, and oden were also on sale.

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were among the casualties. At least five New Yorkers, including three from the Albany area, are still listed as MIA from the attack. A few years ago, Kuentai discovered the skeletal remains of five American soldiers while searching for the remains of Japanese soldiers. Four of the Americans, all members of the 105th Regiment, have been identified and returned to the U.S. for reburial, including a soldier from Brooklyn.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, the Pentagon arm in charge of recovering the remains of U.S. soldiers from foreign battlefields, said this week that the remains of the fifth soldier are still undergoing analysis.

Kuentai returned to Saipan in September 2014 to resume the search for MIAs. Among the group's volunteers was Mackenzie Waterston, a col-

lege student from upstate Glens Falls, N.Y. She had met Kuentai's leaders, Usan Kurata and Yukari Akatsuka, two months earlier when they visited the New York State Military Museum to research its records on the 27th Division at Saipan.

Waterston, who was working as a museum intern that summer, departs Friday for her second trip to Saipan. Her passion for history and her family's long record of military service sparked her interest in Kuentai's Saipan project, she said.

"If I ever had a family member who was an MIA, I would want him to be returned for burial," said Waterston, a senior military history and anthropology major at Pennsylvania's Edinboro University.

Akatsuka said in an email to the AP that the group's main Saipan excavation will be conducted in an area where 17 soldiers from the 27th Division could be buried in unmarked graves. They'll also excavate



In this July 29, 2014, file photo, Usan Kurata, left, and Yukari Akatsuka of Kuentai-USA look at World War II photographs of Saipan at the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. They were looking for information they hope will lead them to the burial places of U.S. MIAs killed during a bloody attack on Saipan.

AP

a nearby property where two U.S. Marines listed as MIA may have been buried.

The group expects to start excavations next week in an area near the island's western shore and continue until Nov. 8.

The Pentagon's DPAA isn't involved in the Saipan

project, a spokeswoman for the agency said.

"The Department recognizes these efforts as critical to the mission and is eternally grateful for this assistance and support," Air Force Lt. Col. Holly Slaughter said in an email.

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at the Korean market because E-Land has a tour agency and also we have an MOU with the largest travel agency in China," Park said.

Jung said that Park is working on operating charter flights from China directly to Saipan so that they "can boost the high end level of customers from China."

E-Land officials also pointed out that the Chinese market has a much bigger population than Korea and there are 30 times more business opportunities in China.

However, to increase the influx of quality tourists to Saipan, E-Land recognizes the need to add more activities that will attract high-end tourists.

"To enhance [and] increase the number of visitors to Saipan, it needs a lot of effort. E-Land wants to try to help the govern-

ment agency to bring those people. In order to do that, we need to develop and conceptualize a lot of activities in the island for them," Park said.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio shares the same view.

"It's very important that we not focus on mass tourism but focus on quality tourism. I think with the additional new properties on the island we can maybe attract more high yield visitors to the island," Tenorio said.

"I think this is a step in that the direction: to bring in the higher level of tourists in the island," he added.

Tenorio said he looks forward to the eventual opening of Kensington on Saipan.

"We saw an example of the property [on] Jeju Island and frankly I'm very excited to see that kind of development in the CNMI," Tenorio said.

Park said she doesn't worry

about the decreasing number of tourists in the CNMI.

"I don't worry. I never worry. We will bring those customers to the CNMI so I'm more excited than worried," Park said.

Not interested in casino

When asked, E-Land Group officials said they are not interested in investing in the casino business.

"E-Land has never invested money in that business or casino. ...E-Land is looking for new business and to expand the business," Park said.

The Korean company, which started as a 6.6 square-meter cloth shop named "England" in front of Ewha Woman's University in 1980, has grown to a conglomerate.

In 2014, its biggest business was in the fashion and retail industry with 150 brands and 17,000 stores. Other businesses are fashion and beverage with 24 brands and 650 stores, hotel

and resort with 20 branches, department store and outlet with 50 branches, theme city with two brands, and entertainment with two brands.

E-Land's main approach is to seek growth through a merger-and-acquisition (M&A) strategy.

With its many businesses not only in Korea but also in China and all over the world, E-Land promises to contribute to the economy where it has businesses.

"E-Land is not a company whose goal is to make money in each destination and then bring the money back to Korea," Park said. "E-Land group is the company that has the management policy that we must contribute 10 percent of the total profit back to society."

The group, which owns Coral Ocean Point and Pacific Islands Club Saipan, will be opening Kensington Hotel Saipan in the former Palms Resort in Marpi next year.

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monwealth government of Rota.

He served the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd CNMI Legislatures as legal counsel and the 5th and 11th as a committee counsel. He represented several government agencies as a private attorney while simultaneously serving as a special judge for several years.

Wiseman is the 15th judge to serve the Commonwealth Judiciary. He will have served a term of 15 years when he steps down in May 2016, making him the longest serving judge of the Superior Court.

Wiseman also served the people of the CNMI as a designated judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI for 14 consecutive years.

He was successfully retained on the bench in two retention elections.

Wiseman said he is fortunate and privileged to have not only witnessed the incipient CNMI government being formed, but have also proudly participated in its evolution, a major part of which was the maturity of the Judiciary.

He said the transition from the Trust Territory to a new government of the CNMI commenced with a judiciary having very limited jurisdiction, without its own appellate court.

Now, he said, the CNMI Judiciary has full general and appellate jurisdiction comparable to other state court systems.

Wiseman said his only sense of regret is having to leave the Judiciary, where he was able to officially express the strong passion and belief he has in the rule of law.

"The Judiciary is the branch of government entrusted with the public's confidence in maintaining and nurturing that rule of law—a core principle which is so indispensable to any civilized society," he said.

Wiseman told Inos that this early notice of his retirement will provide the governor with the necessary time for research, consultation, and deliberation on the selection of an associate judge to fill the vacancy.

Wiseman said a person nominated to the post should be one who has uncompromising integrity and honesty and has the competence, experience and a proper judicial temperament, along with other jurist qualities that will complement the Judiciary in its ongoing and challenging endeavors.

"In closing, I take pride and joy in having made, along with my several colleagues, what I believe to be significant advancements for the Judiciary, and will continue to do so for the last few remaining months of my tenure," he said.

CCA holds fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Cancer Association and their partners held their mini signature fundraising event last Saturday as part of their observation of Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October.

The event, called Pink Warrior in honor of those who've survived cancer, gathered families and supporters at the Naked Fish Bar and Grill.

Prior to the main event, a moment of silence was observed to honor those who struggled and are struggling with cancer.

"The Commonwealth Cancer Association just wants to thank everybody for what you've done for CCA," said program manager Juan Babauta said "On

behalf of the executive director Lauri Ogumoro, the board, and membership, we extend our appreciation to those who have come together and help us raise funds. And not just raising funds, but to raise awareness on breast cancer and in support of what CCA is doing."

Funds were raised through tickets worth \$20 each, which covered a drink, raffle, and entertainment.

Raffle tickets worth a dollar each were also sold with gift certificates, gift packs, and luxury items as prizes.

Babauta said the funds they raised will go to a very good cause. "We'll continue to provide support for survivors. We'll continue to provide financial assistance, comforting and all that during the recovery period."

CCA's partners include Bank of Guam, Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services, Best Sunshine International Ltd., Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Department of Public Health, Kanoa Football Club, and MarPac.

This is the first year for the

fire department to partner with CCA for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"October is Fire Prevention Month. What we did was we looked at other causes that are out there and the Breast Cancer Awareness is also their month so we met with CCA and said

we would work together in spreading awareness of both breast cancer and fire prevention," said Fire Commissioner Clyde Norita.

Norita said they are looking at partnering with the Department of Public Safety with their drunk and drug driving preven-

tion program in December.

Earlier in the day, the CCA also held their Pink Warrior walk-a-thon to raise funds and raise awareness about breast cancer. Those who pledged \$100 got a DFEMS fire helmet for kids or a pink DFEMS T-shirt for adults.

Intoxicated teen allegedly punches sister

An allegedly intoxicated teenager reportedly punched his sister twice in the face for stopping him from arguing with their other brother during a drinking session at their house in As Lito on Wednesday night.

Ashiqur Rahaman, 19, was taken to Superior Court on Friday on charges of assault

and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$5,000 cash. Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as his counsel.

A police report said that two police officers responded on Wednesday night to MGM Poker in As Lito after the victim called for police assistance.

One officer met with the

victim, who was crying and shouting and cussing at her brother Rahaman. Her nose was bleeding.

The victim told police that Rahaman and their other brother were drinking with her boyfriend at their house.

When she heard Rahaman talking in a loud voice, she went out to check what was

going on. When she tried to stop the argument, Rahaman allegedly punched her on the face. Her boyfriend pulled Rahaman away from her but Rahaman still managed to punched her face again.

The victim ran across the street to MGM Poker, where she called the police.

Police arrested Rahaman on Thursday at 12:23am. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Repeat offender pleads guilty in domestic violence case

Denmar Malaban, a repeat offender accused of punching and biting his girlfriend, pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace on Friday.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho accepted Malaban's guilty plea and set the sentencing for Oct. 29 at 9am.

The 27-year-old Malaban waived the need for a presentence investigation report.

After the hearing, Malaban was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

As the court marshal was preparing to take Malaban back to prison, his girlfriend, who was in the courtroom, told him she loves him. Malaban replied that he loves her too.

According to court documents, Malaban punched and slapped his girlfriend in the face on Sept. 13, 2015, on Saipan. She did not seek medical attention.

Last Wednesday, Camacho found the government's proposed plea deal for Malaban too lenient. It recommended a sentence of just 90 days in prison.

In rejecting the proposed deal, Camacho said a 90-day prison sentence has no rehabilitative effect, considering Malaban's past criminal cases.

"Taking into consideration defendant's past criminal cases, a 90-day jail sentence also fails to have any deterrence or retribution effect," the judge said.

The Office of the Attorney

General originally charged the 27-year-old Malaban with assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly beating and kicking his girlfriend, causing bruises on her face, a bleeding nose, bite marks on the shoulder, and other injuries in the body.

The beating arose because Malaban allegedly did not want his girlfriend to move out of his home.

The charges carry a maximum imprisonment of one year and six months.

Under the proposed plea agreement, Malaban was supposed to plead guilty to assault and battery.

With Camacho's rejection of the plea agreement, assistant attorney general Emily Cohen filed on Friday an

amended information charging the defendant only with a count of disturbing the peace.

Malaban and his counsel, assistant public defender Tillman Clark, and assistant attorney general Emily Cohen entered a proposed plea agreement.

The bench trial was supposed to commence today, Monday.

Last February, Malaban was slapped with a 17-day prison term after pleading guilty to disturbing the peace. He was given credit for 17 days of time served.

Malaban was also charged with sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree in 2010.

In 2007, the defendant pleaded guilty to robbery. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Worker who suffered a stroke finally goes home

A construction worker who was been at the Commonwealth Health Center for three months due to a massive stroke has finally been able to go home to the Philippines.

Vedasto "Jeff" Bucio, 51, was admitted to the hospital on July 27. With the help of the Filipino community, he was able to go home last Oct. 22 via Asiana Airlines. He was able to travel with the use of a stretcher and a nurse escort.

His repatriation was funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs through the Philippine

Consulate General in Guam and the Office of the Honorary Consul to the CNMI, Glicerio "Eli" Arago.

However, Bucio's family also needed financial assistance for his hospitalization and medications in the Philippines, since his brother here on Saipan and another brother in the Philippines also have health issues.

Annamae Adaza, Ethel Rodriguez, and Roman Rodriguez initiated a collection campaign for Bucio and were able to collect \$1,846. (*Frauleine S. Villanueva*)



OCTOBER IS Domestic Violence Awareness Month & Behavioral Health Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is recognized nationally and locally every October. The purpose of DVAM is to mourn for those whose lives were taken by domestic violence, celebrate the tremendous progress victim advocates have made over the years, and connect with one another with a true sense of unity to end domestic violence; and

This year, our theme is "I'm Powered!" This theme calls upon us to use power as a means for igniting and sustaining positive social change. This theme also challenges us to harness values, such as love, safety, and respect as a way to power our daily lives.

Behavioral Health Awareness Month

Behavioral Health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and the CNMI community.

People in recovery can achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities. Relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders must be encouraged to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of a problem and guide those in need to appropriate support services.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

OPERATION OF CUSTOMER ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES
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CPA-RFP-004-16 OCTOBER 1, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") IS ACCEPTING SEALED PROPOSALS, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (THE "RFP") AND OTHER CONTRACT PROVISIONS, FOR AWARDED A LEASE (THE "LEASE CONTRACT") FOR THE OPERATION OF CUSTOMER ACTIVITIES, NOT INCLUDING FLIGHT OR AIRFIELD OPERATIONS, AT THE COMMUTER TERMINAL LOCATED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. THIS RFP IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 40-50, PROCUREMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TITLE 40 OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (THE "NMAC"). TITLE 40, INCLUDING CHAPTER 40-50-225, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, IS APPLICABLE TO THE PROCESS FOLLOWED BY THIS RFP.

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SSHS' My WAVE Club leads beach cleanup

Saipan Southern High School's My WAVE Club, in collaboration with the 15th CNMI Youth Congress, Mount Carmel School's Honors Society, and Hopwood's Americorps, did a beach cleanup last Saturday that netted them 11 large bags of trash.

High surf until this evening

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, a large swell from distant Typhoon Champi will generate hazardous surf for the Marianas through Monday evening.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm today, Monday. Surf along west facing reefs has fallen below advisory levels as a large swell from distant Typhoon Champi arrives from a more northerly direction.

Hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet will persist along north facing reefs through Monday morning before falling below hazardous levels Monday afternoon.

The general public and mariners are being advised to avoid venturing into the water along exposed reefs and beaches, especially those facing north as rip currents will be life threatening. **(HSEM)**



Saipan Southern High School's My WAVE Club collaborates with the 15th CNMI Youth Congress, Mount Carmel School's Honors Society, and Hopwood's Americorps for a beach cleanup last Saturday.

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cleaned up the entire stretch of the beach from Lally 4 all the way to the Aquarius Beach Club, starting from 7:30am up to 10am.

The students were accompanied by chaperones Tracy Burgess and Shawna Sablan.

According to My WAVE president Reynafe Aniga, they initiated the beach cleanup to beautify the island's beaches and promote tourism.

"For the past three years, the My WAVE club helped me find

my strengths and weaknesses, made me realize the importance of our island's nature and how it affects the tourism industry," said Aniga. "Coordinating events with my officers such as [this] beach cleanup helped spread awareness of the My WAVE Club and its purpose."

Aniga said their My WAVE Club will be hosting more beach cleanups throughout the year under MVA's Beautify My Marianas and BECQ's Adopt A

Beach Program.

Djaymarch Ong, My WAVE Club's vice president for volunteer work, believes that volunteering in all its forms encourages people to take part in the development of the community.

"It is also a great way to unite, gain experience, promote personal growth and self esteem. My purpose in joining the My WAVE Club is mainly to give back to our beautiful island by using my knowledge and the

will to benefit the people around me. Our club looks forward to many more future volunteer work because our goal is to promote tourism and beautify our island," he said.

Ong said that doing the beach cleanup "was truly a learning experience."

"My WAVE Club has united a group of students passionate about our island and tourism to do good in our community. It was the first event of the school

year for our club and it will pave the way for future activities," he said. "There have been some challenges but our club officers are united to guarantee a successful event. It was an amazing experience and I truly look forward to our future activities."

My WAVE stands for Marianas Youth Welcomes All Visitors Enthusiastically. It is under the Marianas Visitors Authority and Marianas Tourism Education Council. **(PR)**



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-16-001

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified insurance firms to provide workers' compensation insurance and administration for CUC's employees throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and when on official business away from the CNMI.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 29, 2015 to be considered.

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-16-001, Workers' Compensation & Administration", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 30, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Procurement Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

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AWARENESS WALK
Hand-in-hand with community members, Tao Xing, chief services officer of Best Sunshine International Ltd., led the company's Corporate Social Responsibility team and volunteers in support of the CNMI's Domestic Violence Awareness Month celebration, which culminated in an awareness walk in Kagman last Saturday. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



STILL POURING IN
Comprehensive Outreach Recovery Effort, a non-profit group that has been providing direct relief to those affected by Typhoon Soudelor, would like to thank the many groups and individuals that continue to provide donations. Just last week, they received medical supplies from Sons of Saipan, mosquito coils from Japanese donors, gas vouchers from AmeriCares and CHCC, clothing donations from individuals, flashlights from Island Apparel, logo caps from Reps. Vinnie Sablan, Ed Propst and Ralph Yumul, \$200 Joeten gift certificate from Phil and Donna Gunderman and their daughter Debby Vernon, care packages from Michelle Tomchek, \$100 gift certificates from Melody Actouka, \$100 from Christine C. Reyes, and many other donations. In this photo, Rep. Edwin Propst, center, presents CORE CNMI with \$350 of Joeten gift certificates. A total of \$250 was donated by Phil and Donna Gunderman and their daughter Debby Vernon, and \$100 was donated by Melody Actouka. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



WALKING IN THEIR SHOES
The community gathered at Kagman Community Center on Saturday in support of the islands' Domestic Violence Awareness Month celebration, advocating for the continued fight against domestic and sexual violence. Among those who joined were Imperial Pacific Holdings-Best Sunshine International chief service officer Tao Xing, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Superior Court and Family Court Judge Kenneth Govendo, House floor leader George Camacho, and Rep. Edmund Villagomez, among others. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
Happiest birthday to our sweet daughter, Maegan Myhia V. Taitano! May the good Lord Almighty bless you with more birthdays and blessings. Thank you for bringing joy and pride to us, you will always be our baby girl. Study harder, it'll make your dreams come true. We love you. Hugs and kisses from Mom and Dad. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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CAPITOL TOUR
Bob Schwalbach, chief of staff of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), joins Neemia Vaiagae, Grace Sablan-Vaiagae, Priscilla Iakopo, Stanley Iakopo, and the Iakopo children during a visit to their congressional office and a tour of the U.S. Capitol this week. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tinian leaders honor youth's advocacy vs 'ice'

Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas and the Tinian leadership have recognized Tinian Elementary School student Byron Dela Cruz Jr., who on Oct. 15 and 18 came out on Facebook advocating for a stance against crystal meth abuse on Tinian.

"Please, to all drug dealers and buyers out there, think about the lives you are destroying. Please let's fight the war against ICE. People who are selling or buying, you are destroying families, friends & children here on Tinian," said Byron in his Facebook post.

San Nicolas was inspired by Dela Cruz's courage to come out and advocate against the devastating drug problem on the island.

On Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015, the mayor called for a meeting



From left: Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, Byron Dela Cruz Jr., Byron's mother Joleen Lizama, and Byron's brother Brian Dela Cruz.

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with Tinian Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Francisco M. Borja, Tinian Municipal Council chair Raynaldo Cing, Dela Cruz, his brother and guardians, as well as the Tinian heads of DPS, Customs, Tinian Health Center, and the counselors from the Public School System.

The meeting was prompted by a request from Dela Cruz to meet the mayor so he can voice his concern and get assistance in organizing a rally against the drug "ice."

"We thank Byron for having the courage to speak out about the drug problem on Tinian. You have inspired me to work with you and everyone here to address the war on 'ice.' It takes a lot of courage to do what you did as many sometimes are afraid to stand

up and say what you said. I pledge my support and assure you that DPS, Customs, your counselors, and everyone here will support you," said San Nicolas.

The chairs of the Tinian Legislative Delegation and the Tinian Municipal Council, as well as everyone present at the meeting, echoed the expression of support.

"I will be praying for all of you using drugs and hope you do something better in life," said Dela Cruz.

"It takes a village to raise a child, and Byron is an example of that. Let us all work together to make Tinian a safer and drug free community. He has inspired me and all of us. Now we will continue the advocacy and fight the war on ice," said San Nicolas. **(PR)**

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EDITORIAL

Trudeau's ambition meets Canada's faltering economy

Canada wants change. Voters have pushed Stephen Harper's Conservatives out and, for the first time since the election of 2000, have given the centrist Liberal Party, led by Justin Trudeau, a parliamentary majority. It's a surprisingly big win that puts pressure on the Liberals to deliver.

This won't be easy. Trudeau has promised a program of reform that's comprehensive to a fault—touching on everything from legalizing marijuana to restoring “funding for Canada's four heavy urban search and rescue teams.” But these expansive ambitions will have to contend with an unhelpful economy.

During the election campaign, Harper mocked the youthful Trudeau as unready to govern. The tactic failed, but the charge will be remembered if the economy worsens.

Canada came through the global economic crisis that began in 2008 relatively unscathed. Its banks were strong and domestic demand didn't falter. These advantages can no longer be taken for granted. Slow global growth and the collapse in energy prices have ended Canada's impressive run. With Canadians tired of austerity and looking for fast answers, the country stands at a dangerous juncture.

Slumping global commodity prices have hurt Canada's main export business. The economy shrank in the first two quarters of 2015. And in its new global economic forecasts, the International Monetary Fund has cut its growth projections for Canada more sharply than for any other major economy. It now expects Canada to grow only 1 percent this year.

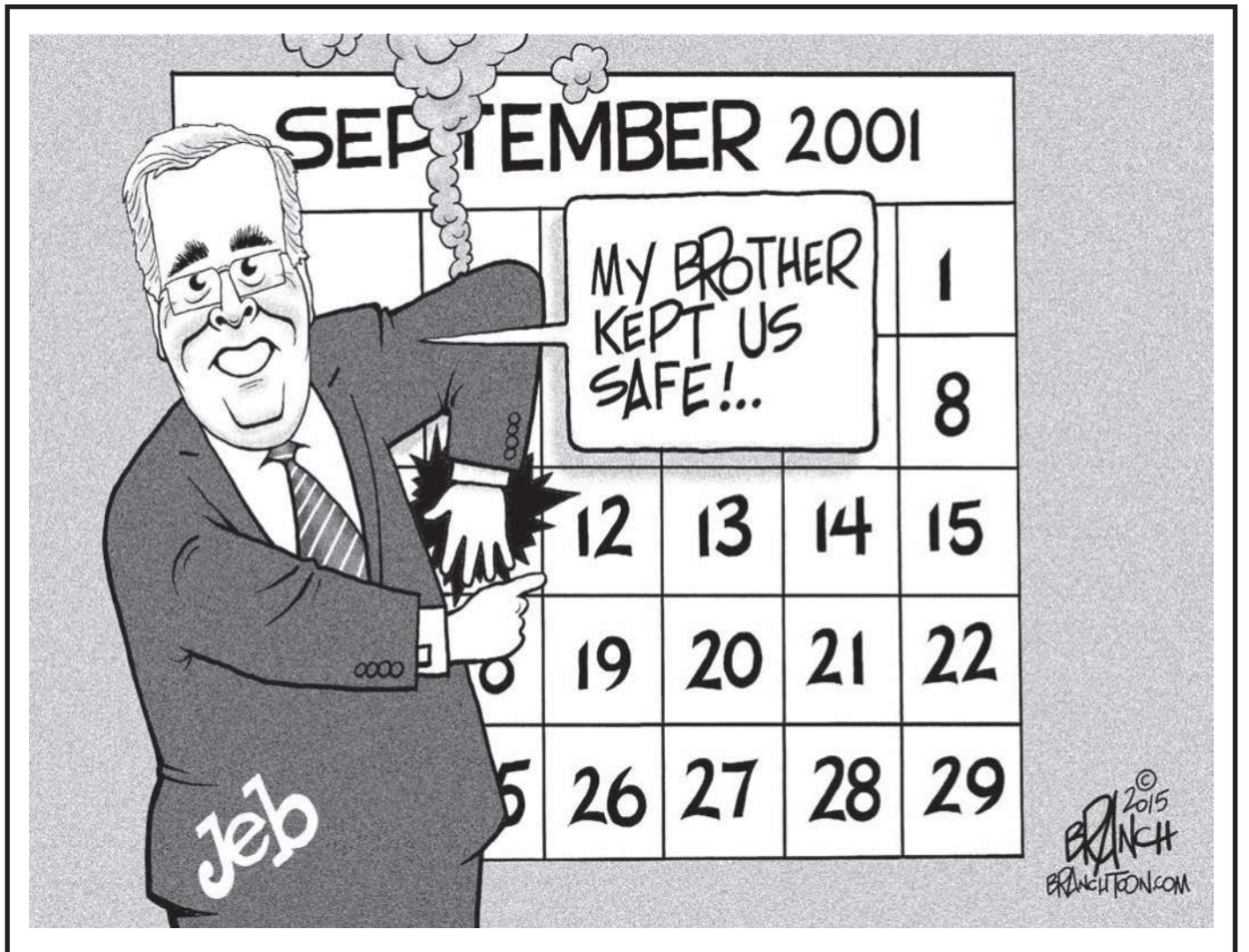
The Liberals hope to address this partly by increasing public investment and relaxing efforts to contain public borrowing. This approach is defensible—with interest rates so low, borrowing is cheap—but Trudeau must move cautiously. A program that scares financial markets might easily push interest rates up. Canadians own houses with dangerously inflated valuations and have borrowed too much. With household debt standing at more than 160 percent of income, the economy is unusually vulnerable to interest-rate surprises.

What about Canada's alliances—with the U.S., especially? Trudeau's position on climate change is more enlightened than his predecessor's. He's promised to restore his country's global standing on the issue (though he hasn't said very clearly how). His views on trade policy aren't so congenial, though. The Liberals have hesitated to back the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact, recently concluded after years of tortuous negotiations. The new government may also withdraw its support for military operations against Islamic State.

Trudeau's thinking on trade and foreign entanglements echoes the positions of many American Democrats—but isn't guaranteed to restore warm relations with the U.S. government.

A failure to repair that friendship would be a shame, but it's unlikely to be Canadians' most pressing concern. Top on their list is reviving Canada's stuttering economy—and, whether he likes it or not, that's how Canada's ambitious new leader will be judged.

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NMPASI

Playing “shepherd to sheep” in the pastoral metaphor while tending to the affairs of the Immanuel United Methodist Church of Saipan, I ran into NMPASI (Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy System, Inc.). The son of a “sheep,” diagnosed as legally blind and operating with mere peripheral vision, needed assistance. NMPASI worked with PSS SpEd to enable him to get all the help he could get. Island-born, he made it past high school and holds a job that helps his CW parents.

With two of my children diagnosed with ASD (autism spectrum disorder), I naturally gravitated to the disability community, and though my children lived with their mother—first outside Washington, D.C. when my spouse after the diagnosis thought it best that I leave our common dwelling, now residing in Ohio—the children have come of age, the older, a girl, now 23, and the younger, a boy, made 20 this year. I went to bid North America “goodbye” last year and I got to see them briefly for a day in Indiana where we met halfway between Chicago where I was coming from and Columbus where they live.

Upon hitting the shores of Saipan in '98, and directing the Oleai Resource Center of the UMC that had a comprehensive coverage of community needs, I ran into other parents with ASD diagnosed children. I got involved in the informal gathering of parents, given the name STaRPO (Saipan, Tinian and Rota Parents) Organization) by Vivian and Frank Cabrera, targeting assistance to diagnosed children of ASD and cerebral palsy until the group became aligned with the thrust of NMPASI, turning into the Autism Society of the CNMI with a governor-declared annual awareness month (usually April), a three-mile run or walk of a child and parent up Marpi, and a fun and fundraising Quiz Night at a local hotel.

Meanwhile, I got acquainted with the Americans with Disabilities Act, including the amendments of 2008 that became effective the following year. Usually not one who takes an adversarial route to accomplish a goal—burned by inflammable but ineffective maneuvers in the civil rights and anti-war movements in the U.S. in the '60s—I shy away from combative organizations and concentrate on the less obtrusive accomplishing of goals.

NMPASI's “protection” and “advocacy” in its name I mistook for a combative operation but discovered amiable and convivial personnel, even the legal officers. Perusing ADA provisions, with the details that it goes into between Titles to Sections, I am glad that the NMPASI's legal office is familiar with the details of the Act and will not hesitate to pull in the provision of law in order to accomplish its goals. Not adversarial, they will not offend anyone should they lift a stick if the carrot does not work!

Ours is a system of governance by constitutional provisions, al-

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beit still necessitating interpretation, and we are children of the Reformation's tradition, especially the New Testament provision of the *logos* in the beginning, misinterpreted by biblical scholars as “the word,” later identified and co-terminus to the King James version of the Bible. Consequently, we mistake passing of laws as doing, the done deal. The mandate of law reigns supreme in many quarters, forgetting that the cognition of a fact is simply a prelude to its effective implementation. Worse, *Biblos* is treated like a rulebook!

Thus, the programs of government administrative agencies go by the mandates of their funding sources to implement provisions of law suddenly turned *logos*.

NMPASI serves as a conduit between the recipients of necessary services and mandated caregivers that implement the provisions of law. There lay its power, to facilitate best as it can, a process that connects those in need of assistance by virtue of disability, and those mandated by law to provide life-sustaining services.

There are dangers on both ends. The recipients can easily fall prey to the rotten path of dependence, and the service providers can implement prescribed programs without determining whether interventions sustain effective service, or worst, spend funds at the end of a fiscal year just so it is spent and not returned to source, regardless of the consequences or the absence of one. NMPASI can turn casually nonchalant.

I have since stopped playing “shepherd to sheep,” even as NMPASI shed that mode of service delivery ages ago. That is no critique of existing agencies as it is to acknowledge that when stylistic ways are factored, the manner a service is delivered is critical in the efficacy of service delivery.

NMPASI does not encourage client dependency on assistance, nor ignore indifference to clients by service providers, a balancing act that can easily be forsaken to expediency.

Like any agency, NMPASI is made up of people whose feet are mired in mud in the rain like the rest of us, and precisely because they are humans like me, I empathize with them. I attended a coalition meeting last Friday; the coordinative leadership style was evident. I was pleased.

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Land use plan

From a multimillion Aerobus transport system that will connect Saipan and Tinian to a planned establishment of “the world’s largest waterpark, 20 hotels and a 1-kilometer long shopping strip” that will create at least “10,000 jobs” in Marpi and “a grand six-star hotel, a luxury village, and a lavish shopping mall,” along with a new hotel in San Antonio and a new hotel in Garapan now under construction, you’d think Saipan will be the envy of islands in the region.

The latest round of press releases from new and old investors is amazing and amusing. So much so that one wonders whether the transitional program allowing thousands of foreign workers or CW-1 permit holders in the CNMI will continue beyond 2019,

Paul Ryan has made his conditions clear

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Will the radicals of the House Freedom Caucus accept the conditions Paul Ryan laid down Tuesday night for taking on the speaker post?

His demands—or at least those he has made public—boil down to two things. The less important one is a reduced travel and fundraising schedule that would allow him to have a semblance of a family life. That shouldn’t be a problem: A small campaign-finance hit is a minor price to pay for getting the House back on track.

More important is his demand that the radicals express their strong public support for him, which he absolutely had to do. Moreover, he is asking for a rules package that would include altering the “motion to vacate” that Freedom Caucus members threatened to use against Speaker John Boehner, contributing to his decision to step down.

This request is fascinating. Scholars believe the motion to vacate isn’t much of a threat: It isn’t clear that a speaker’s opponents could actually force a vote. And even if they did, it isn’t clear the Democrats would go along, though they might try to cut a deal in return for allowing the speaker to stay.

My best guess is that Ryan included this demand just to humiliate the radicals, though political scientist Dave Hopkins suspects Ryan really doesn’t want the job and is trying to taunt the Freedom Caucus into opposing him. It’s also a signal that even if he gets their support now, he doesn’t trust them, and can only rely on procedural changes to weaken future challenges.

At any rate, forcing the radicals into a public display of support is a good start, but it’s not sufficient. It leaves intact the issue of the impending votes on increasing the debt limit and funding the government for the rest of the fiscal year—both of which have been poisonous for the speaker in the Boehner era.

And Boehner probably won’t be able to clear away these heavy lifts for Ryan: The schedule for the transition announced Wednesday calls for the House to vote on a new speaker in eight days, which probably is too soon to resolve the debt limit and certainly too soon for appropriations, which require a complex deal with the Democrats. So Ryan could demand (and may already have demanded) that the radicals allow him to get to a deal without criticism.

So what will the radicals do? They’re not going to get a better speaker than Ryan, even though he’s attempting to embarrass them and, perhaps, defang them a bit. In fact, we still don’t know exactly what they want. They may be under the delusion that the 40 or so of them can bully the other 400 members of the House, the entire Senate, and the president into doing whatever they want. If that’s the case, they won’t accept Ryan’s conditions. The same is true if all they want is chaos.

Yet they haven’t proved they are willing and able to defeat a speaker candidate in a floor battle, and their claims that they are prepared to do so could be bluff and bluster. In that case, they could buckle.

Political scientists usually groan when people say “this time is different,” but if anything, the Congress scholars I talk to and read are the ones running around with their hair on fire: This time, they say, really is different, with unpredictable outcomes for policy, how the House works and perhaps even for the larger political party order of things. The House Freedom Caucus has until Friday to decide. So stay tuned.

and whether Saipan is big enough to accommodate such big, ambitious plans in a responsible and manageable manner.

With all this excitement that investors are trying to build, all the more that the CNMI needs to update its outdated comprehensive public land use plan. It’s long overdue.

A few months ago, the Department of Public Lands issued a request for proposals to complete a “CNMI comprehensive public land use plan update for Rota, Tinian, Saipan and the Northern Islands,” with a submission deadline of July 28, 2015.

This DPL project aims to update the land use plan and policies that will serve as both a physical and policy-based blueprint to manage the future development of public lands in the CNMI.

It will have updated information on how best to regulate land use on Saipan, for example, in the midst of all major ongoing and planned developments such as new hotels and an integrated casino resort, taking into account power and water systems, sewage systems, roads and other infrastructure, along with best ways to preserve natural resources.

From the issuance of the notice to proceed, the contractor will have 365 days to complete the CNMI comprehensive public land use plan update based on the RFP.

But the general public has yet to hear from DPL as to the status of RFP 15-DPL-070 for the comprehensive public land use plan update.

Who were the firms that responded to the RFP? Has a contract been awarded? If yes, to whom and how much? Or has the deadline for submission been extended? Or has the RFP been cancelled? If the project is progressing as planned, how far has the contractor gone?

DPL, which is responsible for the administration, management, use, leasing, development and disposition of all public lands in the CNMI, is also tasked with developing and adopting a strategic public land use plan that promotes cultural and economic growth.

It is unfortunate that an update on the outdated public land use plan wasn’t done “prior” to the CNMI Legislature and the Inos administration’s legalization of casino operation on Saipan, and the eventual grant in 2014 to Best Sunshine International of an exclusive license to build an integrated casino resort on the island. The project plan is massive, requiring tracts of lands that will showcase Saipan’s natural beauty.

Best Sunshine promised a \$7-billion investment for an integrated casino resort. So far, it has opened a live training facility in an

Conservatives brace for battle, but not with liberals

Conservatives are bracing for a harsh battle on the horizon, and it’s not with liberals. That time will come. But first there is the wrath of establishment Republicans sensing their era is fading.

The conciliatory breed of Republican that once had a place on American political soil found a comfort zone forging deals with Democrats who met them in the middle. But those Democrats are long extinct, leaving only the die-hard liberals who have buried us in confiscatory taxes and unfathomable debt, with the help of Republicans unwilling to stop the madness.

Outgoing House Speaker John Boehner might be the last of those dinosaurs, shown the door by conservatives wrestling control of the party away from warriors unfit for battle.

Give this to Democrats: They fight. They fight climate change, income inequality, incursions against the sacrament of abortion and anything else that alarms them. While the left has made America comfortable with astronomical spending, nonchalance toward global jihad and cultural shifts toppling tradition after tradition, the Republican leadership for more than a generation has been about compromising core beliefs. They now call this “governing,” as if standing firm is something else.

A dozen liberal columnists on a bender could not craft a piece as insulting to conservatism as the recent David Brooks’ column titled, “The Republicans’ Incompetence Caucus.”

The wailing within its paragraphs is the sound of influence being ripped from the hands that have been at the wheel for too long. Candidates, donors, consultants and pundits are used to spending these fall days prior to election years scouting the landscape for the latest tepid standard-bearer to thrust at GOP voters. But this time those voters are saying no, filling surveys and campaign coffers with support for voices with a very different approach and very different life experience.

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existing duty free shop while it is still building the Grand Mariana Resort project in Garapan. For Phase II of its integrated casino resort project, Best Sunshine is hoping it could get a big site in Marpi rather than in “piecemeal” locations across Saipan.

Specifically, Best Sunshine is targeting the current site of the established Mariana Resort & Spa in Marpi, one of the last major Japanese investments on Saipan. Mariana Resort’s extended public land lease expires in 2018.

As we all know, Mariana Resort wants to negotiate a new lease with DPL. Two years ago, DPL started calling on hotels with expiring public land leases to start communicating with DPL their plans and Mariana Resort indicated its desires.

DPL later said it will instead bid out the lease to the lands held by Mariana Resort when it expires in 2018 (after a total of 40 years of leasing it), and Best Sunshine has already announced it will participate in the bidding process to get the precious public land for their integrated casino resort.

Now all sides have their own reasons for pushing their agendas and each has their interpretation of the CNMI Constitution provision on public lands leased to the maximum 40 years and what happens when that 40-year lease expires. It won’t be surprising if this matter reaches the court. It’s just a matter of time.

Hopefully, an updated CNMI comprehensive public land use plan will be completed before DPL, and other parties, go any further on the Mariana Resort land lease. Uncertainties about the expiring 40-year Mariana Resort land lease do not inspire investor and public confidence.

And whatever course of action DPL pursues will be a litmus test to what’s going to happen to the other expiring public land leases held by major and long-term investors in the CNMI such as the global hotel brand Hyatt Regency.

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The thirst for change is so strong that half of the poll numbers are swallowed by three candidates—Donald Trump, Ben Carson and Carly Fiorina—with no political experience and one—Ted Cruz—who has used his brief time in office to battle members of both parties who have cooked this stew we are in.

Jeb Bush cannot believe he has not run away with this thing by now. Establishment power brokers are stunned that they are losing influence by the day. And David Brooks is freaking out that the kind of Republican he prefers might not call the shots for a while.

Conservatism, he says, stands for “steady, incremental change, a preference for reform rather than revolution, a respect for hierarchy, precedence, balance and order, and a tone of voice that is prudent, measured and responsible. Conservatives of this disposition can be dull, but they know how to nurture and run institutions.”

Do they really? What exactly are the “reforms” that have matched Barack Obama in the marketplace? How is that “measured” approach working out? Are our institutions so well-run by the John Boehner/Mitch McConnell leadership model?


The David Brooks brand of conservatism is a dull knife brought to a gunfight. The deep desire for stronger leaders means his brand of Republican might be losing influence, and that has turned some mannerly souls into name-calling flamethrowers. Candidates and their supporters actually interested in changing the sorry status quo are pilloried as unhinged radicals.

Lukewarm Republicans and their amen choruses are flashing an aggression toward conservatives that they rarely muster toward actual liberals. If the establishment had been half as aggressive toward Democrats as their current tirades against conservatives, maybe they wouldn’t be on their way to irrelevancy.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Light and variable winds.

▲87° ▼77°


TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 5 to 10 mph.

▲87° ▼77°


WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°


THURSDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

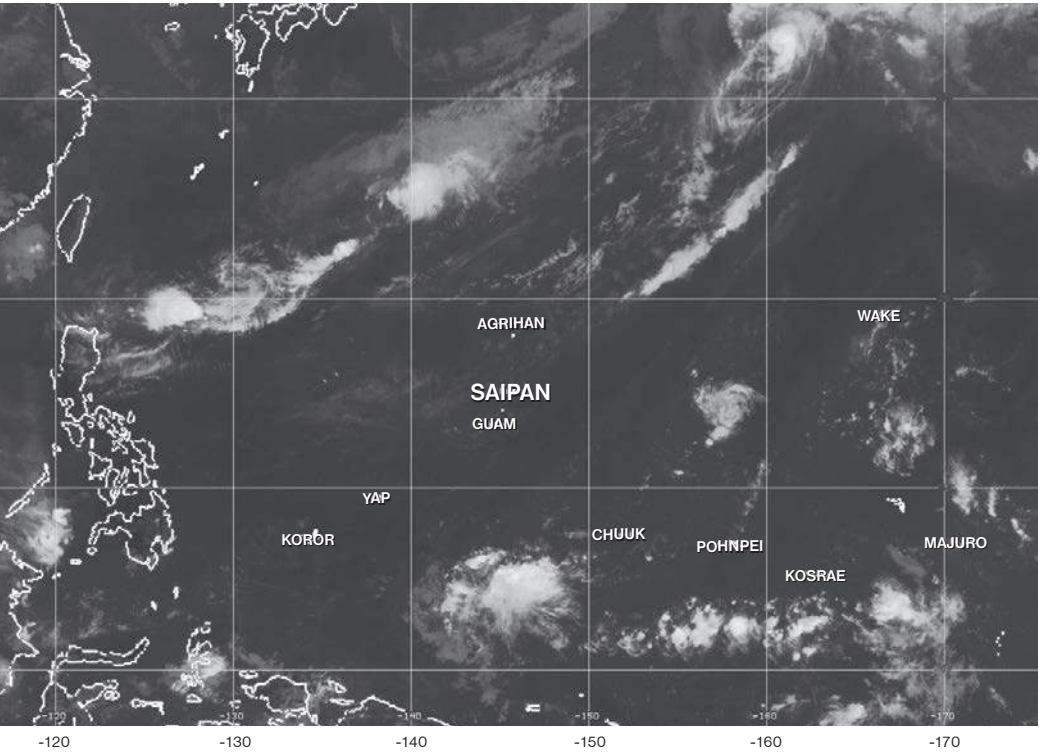
FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image




PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A mid latitude low pressure system is centered just east of Okinawa near 25N136E. Cloudiness, patchy rain and a few thunderstorms are occurring northwest of a line from 18N130E to 25N142E. A near-equatorial trough curves northeast from 1N144E to 4N150E then heads east through the date line at 5N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen southwest of Chuuk between 2N and 7N from 141E to 148E and south of Pohnpei, Kosrae and Majuro between 1N and 4N from 151E to 171E. A surface trough extends northward from 9N158E to 17N157E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present between 12N and 16N from 156E to 159E. Converging southwest winds near Minami Tori Shima are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 60 miles of a line from 19N151E to 22N156E to 25N159E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼54
Beijing	Showers	▲58	▼40
Hong Kong	Showers	▲83	▼76
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼52
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲87	▼62
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼75
Melbourne	Showers	▲61	▼50
Miami	Showers	▲84	▼74
New York	Showers	▲67	▼45
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼54
Paris	Sunny	▲67	▼52
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼58
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼52
Salem	Rain	▲59	▼50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼57
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲70	▼56
Tokyo	Sunny	▲66	▼55
Washington, DC	Showers	▲68	▼46



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Saipan Harbor			
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7:221 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
1:27 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
7:22 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:11 AM	5:51 PM
Tuesday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Wednesday	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Thursday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	4:54 PM	4:33 AM
Tuesday	5:45 PM	5:34 AM
Wednesday	6:38 PM	6:36 AM
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily					
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7					
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota					
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily			UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily					
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA52929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily					
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)								
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6					
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OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily			OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7					
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7			OZ625	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6					
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5			OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily					
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6			7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily					
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OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6					
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN								
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7					
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN								
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN								
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN								
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TINIAN TO SAIPAN			SAIPAN TO TINIAN			SAIPAN TO ROTA					
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Business

Obama administration unveils health care premiums for 2016

WASHINGTON (AP)—When consumers turn on their laptops and tablets Monday morning, they should be able to check premiums for 2016 under President Barack Obama's health care law.

Rates are going up in many parts of the country as a new sign-up season starts Nov. 1. But people have options if they shop around, and an upgraded government website will help them compare costs and benefits.

HealthCare.gov and state-run insurance markets are entering their third year, offering taxpayer-subsidized private coverage. That's helped cut the share of Americans who are uninsured to about 9 percent, a historical low. Still, the many moving parts of the Affordable Care Act don't always click smoothly, and people are divided about the law.

A look at what's new for 2016:

AVERAGE PREMIUM? NO SUCH THING

Independent experts are forecasting bigger premium increases in 2016 than last year, averaging from the high single digits to the teens. Next week the government will release a master file that researchers use to piece together national trends.

Averages won't tell the story, because health care is local. Premiums can vary widely from state to state, and within a state.

Most states won't be like Minnesota, where all five carriers selling individual policies on the insurance exchange have posted double-digit increases, from 14 percent to 49 percent.

They're not likely to be like southern California either, where officials forecast an average rise of 1.8 percent for consumers who stay with their current plan.

For more than 8 in 10 customers, premium increases will be cushioned by taxpayer subsidies. That will absorb most of the cost, but it still may pay to shop around.

NEW HELP FIGURING OUT COSTS

Too many consumers look only at the monthly premium when picking a plan. They shouldn't. Other costs can be just as important. These include the deductible—the amount individuals must pay each year before their plan kicks in—and cost-sharing or copays for medical services.

Trying to demystify the process, HealthCare.gov will feature a new calculator that estimates total costs based on a consumer's expected medical needs.

Tip: Even if people use the calculator, the website will still rank options starting with the lowest premium plan. Look below that figure for total costs.

Patients who need medical follow-up for ongoing health issues may come out ahead by

paying a higher monthly premium for a plan that has lower out-of-pocket costs. Instead of picking a plan at the "bronze" coverage level, they might look at "silver," which also offers subsidies for cost sharing, based on the consumer's income.

SMOOTHER RENEWALS?

As before, returning customers who don't want to make any changes will get automatically re-enrolled. That process will be smoother this year, insurers say, because the government has better information to update subsidies for customers who just want to keep the same plan.

Tip: Returning customers must make sure to file a tax return. Those who got subsidies in 2014 could lose their financial assistance next year if they have not filed.

SOME NEW FEATURES STILL IN TESTING

Consumer advocates have been clamoring for an upgrade that allows patients to easily search for insurance plans that their doctor participates in.

That's coming, but it may not be ready by Nov. 1, the date when consumers can start signing up.

Administration officials say the doctor look-up—as well as a prescription drug finder—are in final testing. They want to be sure the information is accurate before flipping the switch.

Tip: Trust but verify. Call doctors and insurers to check doctor and hospital listings.

PENALTY PERIL

The tax penalty for people remaining uninsured in 2016 is no slap on the wrist. It's high enough to cover several weeks of groceries.

The fine will rise to the greater of either \$695 or 2.5 percent of taxable income. That's for someone without coverage for a full 12 months. This year the comparable numbers are \$325 or 2 percent of income, whichever is greater.

Several organizations, from TurboTax to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, will be offering online tax penalty calculators. That can put a dollar figure on the trade-offs for those who are on the fence about signing up.

WEBSITE UPGRADES

Changes include new privacy protections. A "privacy manager" will let consumers opt out of embedded connections to third-party websites. If customers have enabled the "Do Not Track" setting on their browsers, the government will automatically honor their preferences.

In another improvement, consumers will get real-time reminders to enter Social Security numbers and key details from immigration documents. That can head off major problems later on by helping the govern-

ment quickly verify a person's identity.

Officials say a maddening glitch that resulted in some customers getting locked out of their accounts has been fixed. Call center operators can now help reset passwords for consumers who no longer have access to the email address they used to set up their HealthCare.gov accounts.

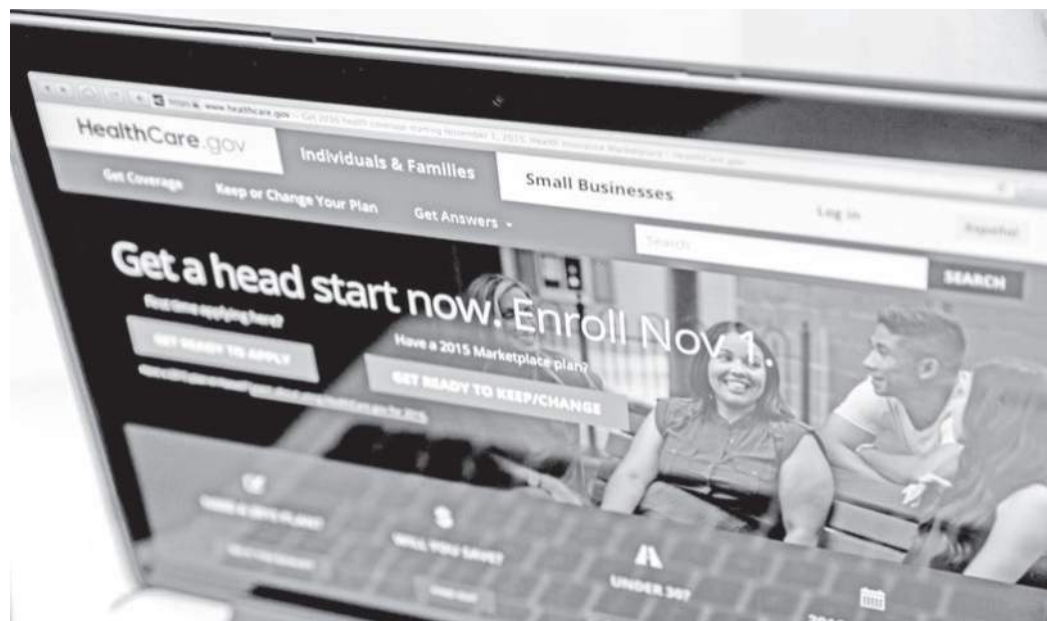
The federal website will serve 38 states.

DATE CHANGE


For the third year in a row, the dates for HealthCare.gov's sign-up season have changed.

This time, it's Nov. 1 through Jan. 31, 2016.


Tip: For coverage to start Jan. 1, consumers must enroll by Dec. 15.



The HealthCare.gov website, where people can buy health insurance, is displayed on a laptop screen in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015. AP



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Nation

Parade crash latest tragedy for the Oklahoma State

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)—Lawn chairs, blankets and water bottles were strewn in the street and bodies remained at the scene as Oklahoma State University fans walked past an intersection where a woman had plowed her car into a homecoming parade crowd hours earlier and killed four people.

Some lingered Saturday to look at the aftermath that also included a gray car with a smashed side and shattered windshield, and a crumpled motorcycle. Dozens more were injured in the collision that sent some spectators flying through the air.

The driver is suspected of being under the influence, and investigators were awaiting results of blood tests to determine if she was impaired by drugs or alcohol.

"You look at the carnage alone. (Someone) had a little baby stroller crushed up. It's disgusting," said Dan Whitmire, who was visiting his daughter from Dallas and had planned to attend Saturday's homecoming game, which was held anyway, but changed his mind after the crash.

Three adults died at the scene and a 2-year-old boy died later, Stillwater police Capt. Kyle Gibbs said. He said 44 people were injured.

Officials with Oklahoma University Medical Center and The Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City said the 2-year-old was one of eight patients brought there, and that four children and three adults remained hospitalized with conditions ranging from good to critical.

Adacia Chambers, a 25-year-old Stillwater resident, was arrested on the DUI charge after the morning crash and remained jailed Saturday night. Gibbs said Chambers' Hyundai Elantra struck an unoccupied motorcycle of an officer who was working security at the parade,



then went into the crowd.

"I just saw smoke and saw the panic in people's faces as they ran away from the scene," said Geoff Haxton, of Tulsa, who attended the parade with his children.

Another spectator, Konda Walker, from Anchorage, Alaska, told the Stillwater News Press that some people initially thought the crash was part of the show.

"People were flying 30 feet into the air like rag dolls," Walker said.

Gibbs said it could take several days to get more information about the cause of the accident. "We treat these like we would any homicide investigation," he said.

Chambers' father, Floyd Chambers of Oologah, told *The Oklahoman* newspaper he couldn't believe his daughter was involved and said she was

not an alcoholic. He described her as "timid" and said she had attended homecoming festivities Friday night with family but that her boyfriend had told him she was home by 10 p.m.

"This is just not who she is. They're going to paint her into a horrible person but this is not (her)," Floyd Chambers told the paper.

A woman who answered a call to a phone number listed for Floyd Chambers told The Associated Press no one was available to talk.

Oklahoma State University President Burns Hargis said there had been discussion about canceling the homecoming game against Kansas, but it was played as scheduled. The victims were remembered with a moment of silence before kick-



Chambers

off, and most of the OSU players knelt on the sideline in prayer.

Hundreds of fans wearing the school's bright orange and black colors had to walk by the intersection, less than three blocks from the stadium, as they headed to the afternoon game. National Guard troops kept watch as officials with the Red Cross and state medical examiner's office continued their work.

By Saturday evening, the bodies that had been at the scene encircled by orange cones for most of the day had been carried away. The car and motorcycle had been loaded onto tow trucks. Clothes, water bottles and pieces of the car had been hauled away in large plastic bags.

It's not the first tragedy to

Emergency personnel respond after a vehicle crashed into a crowd of spectators during the Oklahoma State University homecoming parade, causing multiple injuries, on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015 in Stillwater, Okla.

strike events connected to Oklahoma State sports programs. Ten people, including two OSU men's basketball players, were killed in a 2001 plane crash while returning from a game in Colorado. And Oklahoma State women's basketball coach Kurt Budke and assistant Miranda Serna were among four killed in a plane crash in Arkansas in 2011 while on a recruiting trip.

"The families, I know, and these victims will never be able to understand this, nor will we," Hargis said. "But the Cowboy family pulls together. Unfortunately we've had to do it before and we're going to do it again."

Studies show fewer gun deaths in states with strict gun laws

By RYAN J. FOLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Do states with stricter gun laws have less gun violence than those with few restrictions?

Researchers who have studied the issue argue they generally do, but with some caveats. They cannot say whether the laws, or some other factors, are the reason for a lower rate of firearm deaths and that there are exceptions.

President Barack Obama addressed the matter in a news conference hours after a gunman killed eight students and a teacher at an Oregon community college.

"We know that states with the most gun laws tend to have the fewest gun deaths," Obama said.

David Hemenway, director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, said Obama's claim was accurate and supported by many studies. The likely reason is that states with stronger gun laws have fewer guns and fewer suicides and homicides from them, he said.

The White House says Obama based his claim on a report published in August by the National Journal, which found that states with the fewest gun-related deaths - including homicides, suicides and accidents - had stricter laws than those with the highest number. The study looked at laws such as those that require permits to purchase handguns and universal background checks on sales.

A study published in 2013

in the Journal of the American Medical Association compared firearm deaths in states to the number of restrictive gun laws each state had out of 28 tracked by the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Looking at 120,000 deaths over a four-year period, researchers concluded that a "higher number of firearm laws in a state are associated with a lower rate of firearm fatalities in the state, overall and for suicides and homicides individually." They acknowledged exceptions, with some states featuring loose restrictions but low rates of gun deaths. They also cautioned against drawing a cause-and-effect relationship, saying more research was needed.

Because such studies also consider suicides in calculating firearm deaths, critics say it is misleading to cite them when arguing for ways to prevent mass shootings. Suicides account for the majority of America's roughly 30,000 annual gun deaths.

Catherine Mortensen, a spokeswoman for the National Rifle Association, said studies that have found links between states' gun laws and firearm deaths fail to consider all the relevant factors that might influence fatality rates, such as how much money is spent in each state on policing and suicide-prevention. She said the 2013 study published in the medical association journal contained a scoring system for laws that was "subjective and not verified by an independent source."

Obama encouraging limits on standardized student tests

WASHINGTON (AP)—Addressing one of education's most divisive issues, President Barack Obama on Saturday called for capping standardized testing at 2 percent of classroom time and said the government shares responsibility for turning tests into the be-all and end-all of American schools.

Students spend about 20 to 25 hours a school year taking standardized tests, according to a study of the nation's 66 largest school districts that was released Saturday by the Council of the Great City Schools. But it's not known how much class time students spend preparing for tests that became mandatory, starting in third grade, under the George W. Bush-era No Child Left Behind law and are a flashpoint in the debate over the Common Core

academic standards.

"Learning is about so much more than just filling in the right bubble," Obama said in a video released on Facebook. "So we're going to work with states, school districts, teachers, and parents to make sure that we're not obsessing about testing."

To drive the point home, Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan plan an Oval Office meeting Monday with teachers and school officials working to reduce testing time.

And from the 2016 presidential campaign, Democratic contender Hillary Rodham Clinton embraced the principles laid out by Obama. "We should be ruthless in looking at tests and eliminating them if they do not actually help us move our kids forward," she said in a statement.

In all, between pre-K and 12th grade, students take about 112 standardized exams, according to the council report. It said testing amounts to 2.3 percent of classroom time for the average 8th-grader.

"How much constitutes too much time is really difficult to answer," said Michael Casserly, the council's executive director.

Obama cannot force states or districts to limit testing, which has drawn consternation from parents and teachers. But Obama directed the Education Department to make it easier for states to satisfy federal testing mandates and he urged states and districts to use factors beyond testing to assess student performance.

The Obama administration said it still supports standardized tests as a necessary assess-

ment tool, and there are no signs they are going away soon.

Both the House and Senate versions of an update to No Child Left Behind would preserve annual reading and math exams, although the House version would diminish their significance in determining whether schools are up to par. The legislation is in limbo while House and Senate negotiators figure out how to reconcile the competing versions.

Administration officials said that in many cases, testing is redundant, poorly aligned with curriculum or simply overkill. They said the administration supports legislative proposals to cap testing time on a federal level, but wanted to offer states a model for how to cut down on testing absent congressional action.

Asia

Hundreds of South Koreans cross the border for last set of reunions

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -- A 98-year-old South Korean man cried loudly and repeatedly buried his face in a handkerchief as his elderly North Korean son, who last saw his father as a 5-year-old, watched calmly from across the table.

Meanwhile, an 88-year-old South Korean woman sobbed uncontrollably as she embraced her crying 64-year-old son, whom Seoul says was abducted by the North in 1972.

And two elderly North Korean women knelt and bowed to their 98-year-old South Korean father, who brought with him red, flower-patterned shoes he had promised his daughters 65 years ago.

Such scenes created a wave of emotions Saturday at North Korea's scenic Diamond Mountain resort, where the rival Koreas began the second and final round of reunions of families separated since the 1950-53 Korean War.

About 250 South Koreans, including more than 30 over the age of 90, arrived at the resort hours earlier for three-day meetings with 190 of their North Korean relatives most hadn't heard from for more than 60 years.

In the first round of reunions earlier in the week, about 390 South Koreans traveled to the resort to meet with 180 North Korean relatives.

For many participants from both countries, their first meeting after decades of separation will likely be their last, considering their age. Most of the South Koreans traveled to the North by bus on Saturday, but at least two were brought by ambulance because of their fragile health.

"I remember seeing you as a baby, but you are so old now," a sobbing Lee Seok-ju, 98, told his 70-year-old North Korean son, Ri Dong Wuk, whom he left behind in 1950 as he fled to the South to avoid being mobilized for the North Korean army.



North Korean son Jong Kun Mok, left, wipes tears of his South Korean mother Lee Bok-soon during the Separated Family Reunion Meeting at the Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015.

Ri constantly smiled and spoke softly to his father, showing him several family photos and explaining to him what happened to the family members he left in the North.

South Korea's government says that North Korean Jong Kun Mok was one of more than 20 crew members of two South Korean fishing vessels who were abducted by the North in 1972 while trawling near the western sea border between the countries. One of the fishermen managed to escape from the North and returned to South Korea in 2013.

Seoul believes about 500 South Koreans have been abducted by the North since the end of the war and says it has lost track of most of them.

The North denies abducting South Koreans, but has allowed some individuals Seoul says were kidnapped to meet their relatives in reunions.

As soon as he saw Lee Bok-soon, Jong shouted "Mother!" and rushed to embrace her. Lee, sitting in a wheelchair, wept and touched her son's face, but struggled to find words.

"I am glad that you are alive, mother," Jong later said, before introducing Lee to his North Korean wife.

The highly emotional reunions, which are held irregu-

larly between the rivals, double as a reminder that the Korean Peninsula is still in a technical state of war because the Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

Before the current reunions, about 18,800 Koreans had participated in 19 face-to-face reunions held between the countries since 2000. Both Koreas ban ordinary citizens from visiting relatives on the other side of the border or contacting them without permission.

South Korea uses a computerized lottery system to pick participants for the reunions, while North Korea reportedly chooses based on loyalty to its authoritarian leadership.

Nearly half of the 130,410 South Koreans who have applied to attend a reunion have died. None of the past participants has had a second reunion.

South Korean analysts say authoritarian North Korea allows only infrequent reunions for the fear of losing an important bargaining chip for its efforts to win badly needed aid and concessions. Analysts believe Pyongyang also worries that its citizens will become influenced by the much more affluent South, which could loosen the government's grip on power.

sians. Most of them died as the result of smoke inhalation injuries rather than burns. About 32 others were being hospitalized. He said police are still investigating the cause of fires. It took firefighters several hours to bring the blaze under control.

Bombs rip through Shiite procession in Bangladesh, killing 1
DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Unidentified attackers hurled home-made bombs as thousands of Shiite Muslims gathered for a religious procession in Bangladesh's capital before dawn Saturday, killing a teen-

age boy and injuring more than 100 other people, police said. The attack on Shiites—a minority in the Sunni-dominated country—was said to be unprecedented for Bangladesh, which has seen a rise in violence this year claimed by Islamic extremist groups. Authorities immediately arrested two suspects and recovered two unexploded bombs, but dismissed the attack as an attempt to further destabilize the country. The Islamic State group posted a statement online claiming responsibility for the attack, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadi activities.



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: October 16, 2015 POSITION: Lifeguard
CLOSE DATE: October 30, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Obtaining a lifeguard certification will be required for continued employment for the lifeguard position. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality. Six (6) positions are currently available for the lifeguard position.

OPEN DATE: October 20, 2015 POSITION: Kids College Attendant
CLOSE DATE: November 3, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Must enjoy and be comfortable interacting with young children. Must have a friendly and an outgoing personality. Two (2) positions are currently available for the kids college attendant.

OPEN DATE: October 16, 2015 POSITION: Server
CLOSE DATE: October 30, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in food service preferred. Position will require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. Friendly personality, willingness to serve and a readily smiling individual highly preferred. Four (4) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: October 16, 2015 POSITION: Cook
CLOSE DATE: October 30, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Two years of formal training/education in culinary arts required. Position requires employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. Four (4) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: October 16, 2015 POSITION: Reservations Clerk
CLOSE DATE: October 30, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in hotel reservations preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: October 16, 2015 POSITION: Human Resources Clerk
CLOSE DATE: October 30, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in human resources or administrative preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide support, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: October 16, 2015 POSITION: Front Desk Clerk
CLOSE DATE: October 30, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in a hotel front desk and/ or concierge position strongly preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. Four (4) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: October 16, 2015 POSITION: Housekeeping Attendant
CLOSE DATE: October 30, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in housekeeping or commercial cleaning preferred. Must have a friendly personality and willingness to provide customer service. Two (2) positions are currently available for the housekeeping attendant.

OPEN DATE: October 16, 2015 POSITION: Mechanic & Electrician
CLOSE DATE: October 30, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum of two (2) years of formal mechanical experience or mechanical training is required. Two years of experience in related field strongly preferred. Two (2) positions are currently available for the mechanic position. Two (2) positions are currently available for the electrician position.

OPEN DATE: October 16, 2015 POSITION: Bellhop
CLOSE DATE: October 30, 2015 SALARY: \$6.05 - \$6.55 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. A valid Driver's License is required and must be 25 years old or older. Experience in a hotel environment preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Team at (670) 234-5900 ext. 274/266/576. Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle/Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office.

ASIAN BRIEFS

12 killed when fire breaks out in Indonesian karaoke bar
MANADO, Indonesia (AP)—Police say 12 people have been killed in a fire that broke out in a packed karaoke bar on Indonesia's Sulawesi island. Witnesses told authorities the fire started at around 1 a.m. Sunday on the second floor of the three-story building as hundreds of people filled the club in downtown Manado, the capital of North Sulawesi province. Manado city police chief Col. Rio Permama said all twelve of people who died in the Inul Vizta Karaoke club—7 men and 5 women—were Indone-

World

Patricia inflicts little damage on Mexican coast

CHAMELA, Mexico (AP)—Just a day after menacing Mexico as one of history's strongest storms, Hurricane Patricia left surprisingly little damage in its wake Saturday and quickly dissipated into a low-pressure system that posed little threat beyond heavy rain.

The hurricane's most powerful punch landed on a sparsely populated stretch of Mexico's Pacific Coast before the system crashed into mountains that sapped its potentially catastrophic force. The popular beach city of Puerto Vallarta and the port of Manzanillo were spared the brunt of the violent weather.

Authorities were still checking on some isolated areas, where roads had been blocked by downed trees, but the devastation appeared to be far less than feared.

There were no reports of deaths or injuries, said Roberto Lopez Lara, interior secretary for the state of Jalisco. Later, President Enrique Pena Nieto reported that between 3,000 and 3,500 homes had been damaged and the storm also affected 3,500 hectares (about 8,650 acres) of farmland. He said 235,000 people had lost electricity when the storm hit, and about half had power restored by Saturday.

It was a remarkable outcome, considering that Patricia had once been a Category 5 hurricane with winds up to 200 mph (325 kph) before coming ashore with slightly less power in an area dotted with sleepy villages and a few upscale hotels.

As the storm spun inland, it collapsed into fast-moving bands of rain aimed at already sodden Texas.



A sofa and refrigerator lie among the debris of homes destroyed by Hurricane Patricia, in Chamela, Mexico, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015.

Residents of towns nearest the strike described enduring a terrifying night.

"Those were the longest five hours of my life," said Sergio Reyna Ruiz, who took cover between the shaking concrete walls of a neighbor's home when Patricia passed over the hamlet of La Fortuna, about 2 miles (3 kilometers) from the ocean. "Five hours riding the monster."

Before the storm hit, Reyna tried to secure the shingles of his roof with metal cables. But looking up from the inside Saturday, the ceiling was a patchwork of old tile and blue sky. He and family members next

door tried to clean up, sawing through a downed tree and putting waterlogged mattresses and books into the sun to dry.

All were thankful that everyone survived: "It's something to tell the grandchildren," Reyna said.

Down the road in Chamela, people picked through boards, tree limbs and other refuse for anything salvageable. All 40 families that live there rode out the storm at a shelter in nearby San Mateo. When they returned, they found little that was recognizable.

Arturo Morfin Garcia wielded a machete trying to clear debris from around his home,

which was reduced to a jumble of bricks and beams. The only part left standing was a concrete bathroom at one end.

"It wasn't hard to leave. It was hard to come back and find this," Morfin Garcia said. "So much work to build something. It makes me very sad, but what can we do with these natural phenomena?"

In Manzanillo, high winds and waves blew out windows and damaged some buildings. Trees and utility poles were toppled. An enraged sea battered the Hotel Barra de Navidad in a nearby town, scooping sand away from the foundations.

Puerto Vallarta, home to some 200,000 people, including thousands of U.S. residents and visitors, was largely unscathed. After the storm passed, people

snapped selfies next to a seaside sculpture, and business owners swept sidewalks as they would on any morning. Puddles dotted the downtown district, but no more than a passing thunderstorm might leave.

Patricia plunged ashore about 65 miles (110 kilometers) southeast of Vallarta, which was protected from much of the fury by mountains.

"We were fortunate as to where it made landfall. It was not a densely populated area," said Dennis Feltgen, a meteorologist and spokesman for the U.S. National Hurricane Center. "You and I would be having a very different conversation if this went over the top of Puerto Vallarta."

He said the lack of fatalities was probably the result of the storm's narrow footprint. Category 5 winds extended 15 miles out on either side of the eye, and hurricane-force winds extended for 35 miles from the center of the storm.

School stabbing highlights racial tensions in Sweden

TROLLHATTAN, Sweden (AP)—The southern industrial city of Trollhattan has become a focal point for Sweden's underlying racial tensions, which contrast with the nation's generous attitudes to migrants.

On Thursday, a 21-year-old local man rampaged through a school in the city, stabbing two people to death and seriously wounding two others before being fatally shot by police. Authorities called it a racist hate crime, saying he methodically selected dark-skinned victims at Trollhattan's Kronan school, where most students are foreign-born.

The attacker, who killed a teacher and a student, has not been named by police.

Many in this nation of 10 million were horrified by the violence but not surprised at its eruption, since the surge of refugees into Europe has increased anti-immigrant attitudes. Swedish immigration officials estimate some 190,000 asylum-seekers will arrive this year, second only to Germany in Western Europe.

A teacher at a school near Kronan, Jo-Anne Frampton, told The Associated Press that the school attack in Trollhattan was "just a matter of time."

Sweden has also seen a spate of arson attacks on



asylum centers or buildings being fitted to house refugees. Early Saturday, another blaze—considered by investigators again to be arson—destroyed a house intended for refugees in Eskiltuna, near Stockholm.

"Once again, we have experienced a hate crime ... Our country is burning. Asylum dwellings are in flames," commentator Erica Treijs wrote Saturday in an editorial in Svenska Dagbladet, one of Sweden's largest newspapers. "The hatred against immigrants spreads like wildfire."

Refugees flood into Slovenia; EU migrant plan criticized

BREZICE, Slovenia (AP)—A day before a European summit on the migrant crisis, Slovenia's president demanded immediate action from the EU and tempers flared at one overcrowded refugee center as thousands more asylum-seekers poured into the tiny Alpine nation.

European nations have been criticized for being slow to react as hundreds of thousands of people seeking safety pour in through Greece and Italy. But a draft plan submitted to the countries coming to the Sunday summit in Brussels, sent by European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker, was already drawing strong opposition.

Croatian Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic said the EU plan urges countries not to "wave" asylum-seekers across their borders without consulting with their neighbors.

"That is impossible. Whoever wrote this does not understand how things work and must have

just woken up from a months-long sleep," he said Saturday.

Slovenia's president declared that if the EU summit fails to produce an acceptable solution to the crisis, his nation will act on its own.

"Slovenia cannot become a pocket in which refugees would be stuck if the Austrian and German borders close, because the country could not handle that," the state STA news agency quoted President Borut Pahor as saying.

Pahor did not elaborate, but other Slovenian officials have suggested a possible fence along the border with Croatia. Slovenian police estimated Saturday that some 13,000 people had entered the country in the last 24 hours and 58,000 had arrived in the last week.

The leaders of EU members Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Romania and Slovenia have been invited to the Brussels summit

along with two non-members, Macedonia and Serbia.

On the ground across the Balkans, the biggest problems have emerged when the torrent of refugees is bottlenecked at one border or another. And the numbers of those crossing the seas from Turkey into Greece have surged of late, driven on by a fear of cold weather, cold water and more European border closures.

Milanovic said the only solution to bring the migrant surge under control lies at the border between Turkey and Greece, where the refugees first enter the 28-nation EU.

"Everything else is a waste of time," he said, adding that EU rules which say refugees should stay in the country where they first enter the bloc are "not realistic."

At the Brezice camp near the border with Croatia, Slovenian police used pepper spray Saturday to break up a scuffle when


a quarrel between two groups of migrants escalated into a fight. Packed behind metal barriers, guarded by riot police and armored vehicles, crowds at Brezice chanted "I need to go!" and demanded more water.

In Libya, the Red Crescent said the bodies of 40 migrants had washed ashore and search efforts were underway for another 30 people whom authorities believe were on the boat that capsized.

Red Crescent spokesman Mohamed al-Masrati said 27 bodies were found Saturday in the western town of Zliten, east of the capital, Tripoli. The rest were found along the shores of Tripoli and the nearby town of Khoms. He said most of the migrants were from sub-Saharan African countries.

With temperatures sinking lower and lower on the route into Western Europe, it's been tough going for those seeking a new life.

Focus



Catholic bishops at synod call for a more welcoming church

Pope Francis arrives alongside bishops and cardinals for the afternoon session of the last day of the Synod of bishops, at the Vatican, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015. Catholic bishops were voting Saturday on a final document to better minister to families following a contentious, three-week summit at the Vatican that exposed deep divisions among prelates over Pope Francis' call for a more merciful and less judgmental church. AP

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Catholic bishops called Saturday for a more welcoming church for cohabitating couples and Catholics who have divorced and civilly remarried, endorsing Pope Francis' call for a more merciful and less judgmental church.

Bishops from around the world adopted a final document at the end of a divisive, three-week synod that exposed the split in the church between conservatives and progressives over how to better minister to Catholic families today.

In a win for the progressive camp, the document emphasized the role of discernment and individual conscience in dealing with difficult family situations, especially the vexing issue of whether civilly remarried Catholics can receive Communion.

Conservatives had resisted offering any wiggle room on the issue, since church teaching holds that such Catholics are committing adultery and are therefore barred from receiving the sacraments. While the document doesn't chart any specific path to receiving Communion as originally sought by the liberals, it opens the door to case-by-case exceptions.

"We are so happy that we could give this to the pope," said German Cardinal Reinhard Marx, who spearheaded the progressive camp on the issue. He called the document a "historic step."

The Rev. James Martin, a Jesuit author, said discernment and the examination of one's conscience in spiritual direction have always been part of the church's tradition. "But its encouragement by the synod is notable, and should be seen as a welcoming gesture," he said.

Martin explained that discernment—a key concept in Francis' Jesuit spirituality—"relies on the idea that God can deal directly with us, through our inner lives. It is another encouragement to remind people, especially remarried Catholics, that an informed conscience is, as the church has always taught, the final moral arbiter."

The three paragraphs dealing with the issue barely reached the two-thirds majority needed to pass, but conservatives couldn't muster enough votes to shoot them down. The most controversial paragraph 85—which says a case-by-case approach is necessary when dealing with remarriage since not everyone bears the same responsibility for the preceding divorce—only cleared by a single vote.

But the document's passage overall will give Francis the room to maneuver that he needs if he wants to push the issue further in a future document of his own. Marx said he hoped that Francis would issue it during his upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy, which starts Dec. 8.

In a final speech to the synod, Francis took some clear swipes at the conservatives who hold up church doctrine above all else, saying the church's primary duty isn't to condemn or judge but to proclaim God's mercy and save souls.

Francis said the synod had "laid bare the closed hearts which frequently hide even behind the church's teachings and

In a clear sign that the conservatives had failed to shut the door on the Communion issue, an umbrella group of 26 conservative pro-life organizations said in a statement late Saturday that there was now a "crisis of trust" in the church over the vote.

"Only the pope can restore trust between Catholic laypeople and church authorities in Rome," the group said in a statement.

The document was the culmination of a two-year process launched by Francis to put in practice his call for a church that is more a "field hospital for wounded souls" than an exclusive club for the perfect.

The bishops took his direction, finding "positive elements" in couples who live together even though they are not mar-

ried. Rather than condemning these couples for living in sin, the document says pastors should look at their commitment constructively and encourage them to transform their union in a sacramental marriage.

On gays, the synod document repeats church teaching that gays should be respected and loved and, in a novelty, says families with gay members require particular pastoral care. However, the document strongly rejects gay marriage and "gender theory," but omits references to church teaching that homosexual acts are "intrinsic-

cally disordered."

Only the 275 synod "fathers" were allowed to vote—none of the handful of women invited to participate—even though one of the "fathers" with voting rights wasn't even a priest, much less a bishop.

Brother Herve Janson of the Little Brothers of Jesus told reporters he considered refusing to accept the invitation to participate, given that his status in the church is the same as a sister who heads a religious order of nuns.

"I was very upset, because while before the distinction (between voting and non-voting members) was between the clergy and laity, now it has become between man and woman," he said.

It wasn't clear if Francis intended to raise the issue of broader participation in the synod by letting Janson vote, or if his role was a one-time anomaly.

Francis took some of the most divisive wind out of the debate before the synod began by passing a new law making it easier for divorced couples to obtain an annulment, a church declaration that their marriage was invalid. That was aimed at answering a complaint by generations of Catholics who have been denied the sacraments because they divorced and remarried outside the church without an annulment.

The synod was about far more than just contentious issues, however, including how the church should provide better marriage preparation to couples and how to encourage families torn by migration, poverty and war to persevere in their faith.

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good intentions, in order to sit in the chair of Moses and judge, sometimes with superiority and superficiality, difficult cases and wounded families."

"The synod experience also made us better realize that the true defenders of doctrine are not those who uphold its letter, but its spirit; not ideas but people; not formulas but the free availability of God's love and forgiveness," he said.

But in a bit of levity, Francis also included an acrostic in the footnotes of his speech—perhaps a papal first—spelling out "Famiglia" (family in Italian) with poetic descriptions for each letter.

Health & Fitness

Lasers may ease pain for ‘napalm girl’ in AP photo

MIAMI (AP)—In the photograph that made Kim Phuc a living symbol of the Vietnam War, her burns aren’t visible—only her agony as she runs wailing toward the camera, her arms flung away from her body, naked because she has ripped off her burning clothes.

More than 40 years later she can hide the scars beneath long sleeves, but a single tear down her otherwise radiant face betrays the pain she has endured since that errant napalm strike in 1972.

Now she has a new chance to heal—a prospect she once thought possible only in a life after death.

“So many years I thought that I have no more scars, no more pain when I’m in heaven. But now—heaven on earth for me!” Phuc says upon her arrival in Miami to see a dermatologist who specializes in laser treatments for burn patients.

Late last month, Phuc, 52, began a series of laser treatments that her doctor, Jill Waibel of the Miami Dermatology and Laser Institute, says will smooth and soften the pale, thick scar tissue that ripples from her left hand up her arm, up her neck to her hairline and down almost all of her back.

Even more important to Phuc, Waibel says the treatments also will relieve the deep aches and pains that plague her to this day.

With Phuc are her husband, Bui Huy Toan, and another man who has been part of her life since she was 9 years old: Los Angeles-based Associated Press photojournalist Nick Ut.

“He’s the beginning and the end,” Phuc says of the man she calls “Uncle Ut.” “He took my picture and now he’ll be here with me with this new journey, new chapter.”

It was Ut, now 65, who captured Phuc’s agony on June 8, 1972, after the South Vietnamese military accidentally dropped napalm on civilians in Phuc’s village, Trang Bang, outside Saigon.

Ut remembers the girl screaming in Vietnamese, “Too hot! Too hot!” He put her in the AP van where she crouched on the floor, her burnt skin raw and peeling off her body as she sobbed, “I think I’m dying, too hot, too hot, I’m dying.”

He took her to a hospital. Only then did he return to the Saigon bureau to file his photographs, including the one of Phuc on fire that would win the Pulitzer Prize.

Phuc suffered serious burns over a third of her body; at that time, most people who sustained such injuries over 10 percent of their bodies died, Waibel says.

Napalm sticks like a jelly, so there was no way for victims like Phuc to outrun the heat, as they could in a regular fire. “The



In this June 8, 1972, file photo, 9-year-old Kim Phuc, center, runs with her brothers and cousins, followed by South Vietnamese forces, down Route 1 near Trang Bang after a South Vietnamese plane accidentally dropped its flaming napalm on its own troops and civilians.

fire was stuck on her for a very long time,” Waibel says, and destroyed her skin down through the layer of collagen, leaving her with scars almost four times as thick as normal skin.

While she spent years doing painful exercises to preserve her range of motion, her left arm still doesn’t extend as far as her right arm, and her desire to learn how to play the piano has been thwarted by stiffness in her left hand. Tasks as simple as carrying her purse on her left side are too difficult.

“As a child, I loved to climb on the tree, like a monkey,” picking the best guavas, tossing them down to her friends, Phuc says. “After I got burned, I never climbed on the tree anymore and I never played the game like before with my friends. It’s really difficult. I was really, really disabled.”

Triggered by scarred nerve endings that misfire at random, her pain is especially acute when the seasons change in Canada, where Phuc defected with her husband in the early 1990s. The couple live outside Toronto, and they have two sons, ages 21 and 18.

Phuc says her Christian faith brought her physical and emotional peace “in the midst of hatred, bitterness, pain, loss, hopelessness,” when the pain seemed insurmountable.

“No operation, no medication, no doctor can help to heal my heart. The only one is a miracle, (that) God love me,” she says. “I just wish one day I am free from pain.”

Ut thinks of Phuc as a daughter, and he worried when, during their regular phone calls, she described her pain. When he travels now in Vietnam, he sees how the war lingers in hospitals there, in children born with defects attributed to Agent Orange

and in others like Phuc, who were caught in napalm strikes. If their pain continues, he wonders, how much hope is there for Phuc?

Ut says he’s worried about the treatments. “Forty-three years later, how is laser doing this? I hope the doctor can help her. ... When she was 18 or 20, but now she’s over 50! That’s a long time.”

Waibel has been using lasers to treat burn scars, including napalm scars, for about a decade. Each treatment typically costs \$1,500 to \$2,000, but Waibel offered to donate her services when Phuc contacted her for a consultation. Waibel’s father-in-law had heard Phuc speak at a church several years ago, and he approached her after hearing her describe her pain.

At the first treatment in Waibel’s office, a scented candle lends a comforting air to the procedure room, and Phuc’s husband holds her hand in prayer.

Phuc tells Waibel her pain is “10 out of 10”—the worst of the worst.

The type of lasers being used on Phuc’s scars originally were developed to smooth out wrinkles around the eyes, Waibel says. The lasers heat skin to the boiling point to vaporize scar tissue. Once sedatives have been administered and numbing cream spread thickly over Phuc’s skin, Waibel dons safety glasses and aims the laser. Again and again, a red square appears on Phuc’s skin, the laser fires with a beep and a nurse aims a vacuum-like hose at the area to catch the vapor.

The procedure creates microscopic holes in the skin, which allows topical, collagen-building medicines to be absorbed deep through the layers of tissue.

Waibel expects Phuc to need

up to seven treatments over the next eight or nine months.

Wrapped in blankets, drowsy from painkillers, her scarred skin a little red from the procedure, Phuc made a little fist pump. Compared to the other surgeries and skin grafts when



In this Sept. 25, 2015 photo, Kim Phuc shows burn scars on her back and left arm at a hotel in Miami.

she was younger, the lasers were easier to take.

“This was so light, just so easy,” she says.

A couple weeks later, home in Canada, Phuc says her scars

have reddened and feel tight and itchy as they heal—but she’s eager to continue the treatments.

“Maybe it takes a year,” she says. “But I am really excited—and thankful.”

Personal Trainer

What category of runner are you?

The New York Road Runners club uses these groupings to organize the 10-week running classes it offers its 300,000 members.

	Beginner Walk briskly for 20 minutes	Training goals Run for 20 minutes
	Advanced beginner Run comfortably nonstop for 20 minutes	Run for 30 minutes or improve pace
	Intermediate Run 30 minutes at 10-11 minutes per mile (6-7 min./km)	Learn racing fundamentals
	Advanced intermediate Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in 28-31 minutes	
	Basic competitive Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in 25-28 minutes	Racing workouts to improve speed, form, strength, endurance
	Competitive Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in 22-25 minutes	
	Advanced competitive Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in 19-22 minutes	Advanced workouts to improve speed, form, strength, endurance
	Super-advanced competitive Race 5 km (3.1 mi.) in less than 19 minutes	

Source: New York Road Runners
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Life & Style

JK Rowling play to feature adult Harry Potter, son Albus

LONDON (AP)—The secret is out—the first-ever Harry Potter play will be a magical sequel. Producers announced

Princeton honors memory of 'Mind' mathematician John Nash

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP)—Princeton University said farewell to late mathematician and faculty member John Nash, whose life and battle with schizophrenia were chronicled in the Russell Crowe movie "A Beautiful Mind," with a day of remembrance events and a panel discussion about him on Saturday.

The Ivy League university's goodbye included a public lecture from author Sylvia Nasar, whose biography formed the basis for the 2001 movie, and a chapel service that opened with Bach's fugue in G minor, a favorite of Nash's.

"We may not see the likes of John Nash again, but his story is one for the ages," Nasar said at the lecture.

Nasar fondly recalled Nash's wife, Alicia Nash, saying she was the "hero" of his story.

The Nashes, who were in their 80s, were killed in a taxi crash on the New Jersey Turnpike in May.

John Nash, who was known as brilliant and eccentric, had a long connection with Princeton University, receiving his doctorate in mathematics there in 1950 after he got his graduate and bachelor's degrees from the Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) in 1948.

Nash, the 1994 Nobel Prize winner in economics, had held the position of senior research mathematician at Princeton since 1995 and was renowned for his work in game theory.

Crowe played him in "A Beautiful Mind," which won the Academy Award for best picture. Crowe was nominated for an Oscar for best actor, and Jennifer Connelly, who played his wife, won the Oscar for best supporting actress.

The Nashes were returning home from Oslo, Norway, where he had received the 2015 Abel Prize from the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, one of the most prestigious honors in mathematics, when the traffic accident occurred. The prize recognized his seminal work in partial differential equations, which are used to describe the basic laws of scientific phenomena.

After the fatal crash, Crowe tweeted, "An amazing partnership. Beautiful minds, beautiful hearts." Connelly called the couple "an inspiration," and the film's director, Ron Howard, tweeted "it was an honor telling part of their story."



In this July 7, 2011 file photo, British author JK Rowling arrives in Trafalgar Square, in central London, for the World Premiere of "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows: Part 2," the last film in the series.

Friday that "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" will center on an adult Harry and his son Albus Severus. The two-part stage saga begins where Rowling's books ended—19 years after the boy wizard's epic battle with evil Lord Voldemort.

A synopsis says Harry is now an overworked civil servant in the Ministry of Magic, while his youngest son is struggling "with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted."

The play will run in two parts, intended to be seen either on the same day or on consecutive days. It previews from June 7 and opens July 30 at London's Palace Theatre.

The first play about the bespectacled wizard is based on a new story by Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany.

The script is by Thorne, a stage and screen writer whose work includes vampire story "Let the Right One In."

The director is Tiffany, who helmed the critically lauded war play "Black Watch" and multiple Tony Award-winning musical "Once."

Details of the cast have not been announced.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday to buyers who registered online and to the general public on Oct 30. Tickets for the whole two-part show range from 20 pounds (\$31) to 130 pounds (\$200).

Rowling's seven Harry Potter novels have sold more than 450 million copies around the world and been made into eight successful films.

She has long insisted there will be no new Harry Potter novels, but she has kept fans happy with spin-off works including the magical encyclopedia "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," which is set to be a film starring Eddie Redmayne.

Bradley Cooper rolls up his sleeves for 'Burnt'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bradley Cooper wasn't a novice to the kitchen when he decided to take on the role of the fictional Michelin star chef Adam Jones in "Burnt."

He grew up in a food loving home near Philadelphia—some of his favorite memories are of his grandmother making pizza, cheesecakes and homemade raviolis. He was a bus boy at a Greek restaurant there, a waiter at a fancy establishment near Georgetown University, and a prep cook at an Italian and seafood place in Somers Point, New Jersey.

One day, he said, he cut and cleaned 620 chickens and nine boxes of peppers in addition to making the dough and sauces.

But he didn't tell anyone that when he started rubbing elbows with the Michelin caliber cooks he needed to learn from for this role.

"They wouldn't have cared," said Cooper, laughing. Besides, he needed to get down to work if he was going to believably portray this top chef seeking a third Michelin star. Whatever knife proficiency he thought he had wasn't exactly going to cut it under the scrutiny of professionals.

In "Burnt," out Oct. 30, not only is Adam Jones a savant in the kitchen; he's also got a drug habit that's left him an exile in the world of haute cuisine. While the drugs are under control for the moment, his temper is another story. Who better to learn from than the stormy Gordon Ramsay?

Cooper trained alongside Claire Smythe, executive chef of London's Restaurant Gordon Ramsay, which has three Michelin stars, for "many, many services," said director John Wells. "All the actors had to spend the time to get fluent in the craft—not fluent enough to serve 100 meals, but fluent enough where someone else who knows how to do it wouldn't think they look ridiculous."

When it got down to shooting, they chose the authentic over the artificial, shooting in a real, functioning kitchen and making real dishes. Everyone who wasn't a named actor in the room was actually a cook in a



This photo provided by The Weinstein Company, shows Bradley Cooper as Adam Jones, in a scene from the film, "Burnt." The movie opens in U.S. theaters on Oct. 30.

Michelin-rated restaurant, and BBC TV Master Chef presenter Marcus Wareing was behind the camera, both designing the menus and keeping an eye on everyone's technique.

The actors felt the stress and the pain of working in a real kitchen too—sometimes literally, with cuts and burns.

"That's real sweat. My eyes were bloodshot for half the movie. It was all real. For an actor, that was amazing. There was no stunt double. There was no insert of another person's hands," said Cooper. "It's all me, for better or worse."

Being No. 1 on the call sheet isn't unlike being the head of a kitchen, too. Cooper needed to set the tone of the operation.

"He did exactly what any director would want him to do. He was fully prepared, had done all of his research, knew all of his lines and showed up ready to work and was as demanding as Adam," said Wells. "He was the first person on

the set and the last person off."

The seriousness with which Cooper approached the role reminded Wells of another actor he'd worked with recently: Meryl Streep.

He remembers showing up for a read through of "August: Osage County" and Streep was already off book.

"Everyone else was like, 'oh, uh oh, it's going to be like that, is it?' And that was the same with Bradley," he said. "Bradley, because he's so damn good looking, people don't realize that he's really smart—fiercely intelligent. He questions things and you and everyone else had better be prepared."

Cooper has been going non-stop lately. He shot "Burnt" right after wrapping "American Sniper," for which he earned a third Oscar nomination for acting (two lead, one supporting), and just before his Tony-nominated in "The Elephant Man." He can be seen next in his third collaboration with director David O. Russell "Joy," out on Christmas and

expected to be a major player in the awards scene.

"I've seen 'Joy.' It's unbelievable," said Cooper. "I wasn't a big part of it. But I love the role that he asked me to play. We created a guy who I've never played before—different rhythms. David's all about rhythms. It's a beautiful thing."

With directing ambitions on the horizon, Cooper also has been using his recent projects as an opportunity to learn as he decides what his directorial debut might be. There were talks earlier this year of a remake of "A Star Is Born."

He's been producing most of his projects of late, too, including "Limitless," "American Sniper," and both "American Hustle" and "Silver Linings Playbook," which has given him access and insight into every aspect of production. But it's Russell who has taken him under his wing.

"It's been like going to film school," he said. "I hope to get the opportunity."

'Back to the Future' fans transform town into Hill Valley

FILLMORE, Calif. (AP)—For one day only, a picturesque town about 60 miles north of Los Angeles was transformed into Hill Valley, the fictional hometown of Marty McFly from the "Back to the Future" franchise.

As part of the five-day "We're Going Back" fan event celebrating "Back to the Future" Day, the downtown streets of Fillmore, California, were blocked off from traffic as fans dressed as characters from the beloved sci-fi film series participated in hoverboard and DeLorean rides.

"Back to the Future" Day marks the date—Oct. 21, 2015—that the characters Marty McFly, Emmett "Doc" Brown and Jennifer Parker famously journeyed from 1985 to 2015 in the trilogy's second installment in 1989.

"'Back to the Future' to some people may just be a movie, but to me and everyone that's come here, it's a religious experience," said Brandon Hillock, who arrived dressed as a futuristic McFly. "When things are going really crappy, I can turn the movie



on and instantly feel better."

Oliver and Terry Holler,

owners of a DeLorean resembling the time-traveling vehicle

'Suffragette' embodies its message of equality for women

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For actress Carey Mulligan, "Suffragette" was unlike any film she had ever made: The writer, director, producers and most of the cast were women.

"It was a unique experience. I'm used to being the only girl in a room," Mulligan said. "And it needed to be a female team to get it made in the first place, because it wasn't going to happen if it wasn't a group of women pushing it uphill, because no one wanted to tell the story."

The story is of women's fight for the right to vote in Britain in 1912. Mulligan plays Maud, an ordinary, working-class woman who finds herself becoming an activist despite the risks of being part of the volatile movement. The film shows the women holding rallies and starting fires—and getting beaten, jailed and tortured; socially ostracized and unemployed, as a result.

There was little studio interest in telling the story—and that points to the problems women continue to face in Hollywood today, Mulligan said.

"A woman threw herself in front of a king's horse in 1913 and changed the course of history, and no one in 100 years felt this was a story worthy of the big screen," she said. "If this monumental moment can go undocumented and untold, imagine how many millions of women's stories there are for us to tell."

With her female-centric subject matter, cast and creative team, "Suffragette" director Sarah Gavron has made a film that embodies its message about equality.

"Between one to 10 percent



In this Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015 photo, actress Carey Mulligan poses for a portrait at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles.

of films are made by women—often it's more like one percent—and film is a way we put a mirror up to our lives," Gavron said. "So by making this film and having a woman producer, writer, director, so many heads of department behind the camera, and then all those women in front of the camera, we were shifting the balance in an extraordinary way. But you don't just want that to be a one-off."

Given the level of awareness about the gender disparity in Hollywood, Mulligan said

the industry is compelled to respond.

"I think it's gotten to the point where people can't ignore it now," she said. "And there probably will be action as a result of it and not just a lot more noise."

Other than Maud in "Suffragette," Mulligan hasn't yet seen a move toward equality reflected in the parts she is offered. So far, she said, "it's still been a bucket load of boring girlfriend roles."

"Suffragette" opens Friday in the U.S.

from the trilogy, provided rides to fans who made a donation to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

However, they weren't transporting passengers to the past or future. Their DeLorean was retrofitted to ride back and forth on the train rails in the middle of town, similar to the vehicle's Wild West journey in "Back to the Future Part III."

"This car has flown in airplanes, been shipped in boats and driven over 600,000 miles—and now she's a train car," said Terry. "It took the work of wonderful volunteers, craftsmen and mechanics who understand what it takes to put train wheels on a car."

Across the tracks, a sign welcoming visitors to Hill Valley was erected in the town's Central Park, while a beauty salon was made up to look like Roy's Record Store from the

original film. An antique shop's window was filled with 1980s memorabilia, resembling Cafe '80s from the second installment. The band the Flux Capacitors performed on stage in front of city hall, which was festooned with a giant clock for the occasion.

The original stunt team that coordinated the hoverboard chase sequence from "Back to the Future Part II" drew the largest crowd, allowing attendees who paid \$200 a ticket an opportunity to make like McFly and glide across the town's park on a hoverboard suspended from a crane.

The actors who played nefarious Griff Tannen's gang members—Ricky Dean Logan, Jason Scott Lee and Darlene Vogel—were also on hand to pose for photographs, sign autographs and provide fans tips on riding a hoverboard for the

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"Back To The Future" Bartos Grys, of Poland, photographs son Marty, named after the film's central character, Marty McFly, as he rides a mock hoverboard during Fillmore's movie celebration on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015, in Fillmore, Calif. "I've been planning this for 20 years," said Bartos. "It has always been my goal to bring my family to celebrate with me."

first time. Vogel's advice was simple.

"Don't fall off," said Vogel, who played Spike in "Part II."

The actual Hill Valley town square set where the "Back to the Future" trilogy was filmed still exists on the Universal Studios lot. Several fans spent Wednesday touring that filming location as part of the "We're Going Back" event. The organizers selected Fillmore for Thursday's festivities because of its resemblance to the exterior town square set and proximity to Los Angeles.

Other activities planned as part of the "We're Going Back" fan event include an "Enchantment Under the Sea" dance at the Hollywood United Methodist Church on Saturday and a Sunday screening of the original film in the parking lot of the Puente Hills Mall, where McFly famously blasted off in a DeLorean.

For many in attendance, their passion for "Back to the Future" won't waver just because the future is now the present, according to the film's mythology, anyway.

"It's iconic," said Logan, who played Data in "Part II." "I have a 17-year-old daughter and a 9-year-old son now. They're fans and their friends are fans like it came out yesterday. I think it'll just keep going. I don't think it'll ever stop. We might be here in another 30 years, but I might be on a wheelchair hoverboard by that point."

ESPN pulling videos from YouTube due to rights issues

LOS ANGELES (AP)—ESPN has begun removing its videos from YouTube due to rights issues surrounding next week's launch of YouTube's ad-free subscription service, Red.

Fans can go to ESPN's own websites for its videos, the sports network said Friday.

The \$10-per-month Red service launching Wednesday combines ad-free viewing with unlimited on-demand music. YouTube has said that creators have to participate in Red to have their videos show on YouTube in the U.S., even on the free ad-supported side. It has said creators behind 99 percent of all content watched on the site have signed on, including ESPN's parent, The Walt Dis-

ney Co.

Spokeswomen for both ESPN and YouTube on Friday declined to say what legal issues might impede its participation.

Media analyst Laura Martin of Needham & Co. said it is likely that ESPN's pre-existing contracts with cable and satellite companies like Comcast Corp. prevent it from participating in YouTube's subscription plan.

"It has to leave YouTube so it doesn't get sued by its pre-existing partners," she said.

ESPN's contracts with pay TV distributors are multi-year deals. Comcast's can't be renegotiated before expiring around eight years from now, Martin said. "I think YouTube

will have to cave if they want ESPN back."

On ESPN's main YouTube channel, the most recent videos are now 4 years old, but some specific channels like ESPN First Take have videos that are new as of Friday.

YouTube began sending out new contracts to its creators six months ago to sign new terms that would allow them to participate in new revenue from Red subscriptions. Those that don't participate would have their videos turned to private in the U.S., effectively turning them off for all but the uploader.

YouTube is part of Google, a division of the newly created holding company Alphabet Inc.

Maureen O'Hara, spirited movie star, dies at 95

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Fiery-haired and feisty, Maureen O'Hara could handle anything the world and Hollywood threw at her. Director John Ford punched her in the jaw at a party and John Wayne dragged her through sheep dung—real sheep dung—in “The Quiet Man.” In “Miracle on 34th Street” she learned to believe in Santa Claus.

But first and foremost, she always believed in herself.

“I do like to get my own way,” she said in a 1991 interview with The Associated Press. “There have been crushing disappointments. But when that happens, I say, ‘Find another hill to climb.’”

The Irish-born beauty was 95 when she died Saturday in her sleep at her home in Boise, Idaho, said Johnny Nicoletti, her longtime manager.

In her heyday, O'Hara was

known as the Queen of Technicolor because of the camera's love affair with her vivid hair, bright green eyes and pale complexion.

But she also had talent.

“I proved there was a bloody good actress in me,” she told the British newspaper The Telegraph last year. “It wasn't just my face. I gave bloody good performances.”

Never nominated for an Oscar (although she received an honorary Academy Award last year), O'Hara nonetheless starred in some of the best-known and beloved movies of Hollywood's Golden Age.

Whether playing a rancher's wife, a pirate queen, or a mother, her characters were strong-willed women—a characteristic she practiced in real life as well and attributed to her Irish roots.

She was the daughter of Welsh miner in the grim Oscar-winning 1941 film “How Green



This Jan. 19, 1960 file photo shows movie actress Maureen O'Hara photographed in her front yard in Los Angeles.

Was My Valley”; the mother who doubts her daughter, Natalie Wood, has really encountered Santa Claus in the 1947 Christmas classic “Miracle on 34th Street,” and a scrappy Irish colleen who is romanced by an American boxer (John Wayne) in 1952's “The Quiet Man.”

Wayne, who co-starred with her in five movies, once said: “I've had many friends, and I prefer the company of men, except for Maureen O'Hara; she's a great guy.”

“We met through Ford, and we hit it right off,” she remarked in 1991. “I adored him, and he loved me. But we were never sweethearts. Never, ever.”

Her relationship with Ford was sometimes strained, especially when he had been drinking. O'Hara recalled that for some reason he punched her hard in the jaw at a party. For a prank, he and Wayne scattered

real sheep dung over a field in Ireland where they were filming “The Quiet Man.”

She sometimes called him a “devil” but acknowledged his talent.

She also played the mother of twins, both played by Hayley Mills, who conspire to reunite their divorced parents in the 1961 Disney comedy “The Parent Trap.”

She was a retired schoolteacher in her last on-screen role in the 2000 TV movie “The Last Dance.”

Maureen FitzSimons (pronounced Fitz-SYM-ons) was born in 1920 near Dublin, Ireland. Her mother was a well-known opera singer, and her father co-owned a soccer team called the Shamrock Rovers. Through her father, she learned to love sports; through her mother, she and her five siblings were exposed to the theater.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Jimmy Fallon honored by Harvard Lampoon

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Jimmy Fallon got the royal treatment at Harvard. The Tonight Show host and Saturday Night Live alum was honored Saturday by the Harvard Lampoon, the country's oldest continuously published humor magazine. The magazine awarded Fallon its Elmer Award for Excellence in Humor. The comedian was crowned “Emperor of Comedy” and paraded through Harvard Square in a Roman chariot. The parade started by the Inn at Harvard and ended at the steps of the magazine's headquarters, Lampoon Castle, where he was presented with a trophy and an 85-cent check. It's just the seventh time the undergraduate organization says it has bestowed the honor. Previous recipients include Jay Leno, John Cleese and Robin Williams. The 41-year-old Fallon took over The Tonight Show from Leno last year.

Singer CeeLo Green reveals he's been engaged for 1 year

NEW YORK (AP)—Recording a new album isn't the only thing CeeLo Green has done in the last year: The singer revealed that he also proposed to his longtime girlfriend. Green, 41, told People magazine that he's been engaged to Shani James, 38, for about a year. A representative for the Grammy winner confirmed the engagement on Friday. Green will release a new album, “Heart Blanche,” on Nov. 6. The former “Voice” coach said he and James didn't want to promote their engagement. “We're a collective power together because our private life is sacred. But you know ... maybe it is time for the world to know that I have a very secure situation and a loving woman supporting me the entire way,” he said. Green was previously married to Christina Johnson.

Soundtrack to be released for Mitch Albom's new novel

NEW YORK (AP)—Fans of Mitch Albom's books can soon sing along with Albom and such performers as Tony Bennett, Dionne Warwick and “The Voice” winner Sawyer Fredericks. HarperCollins Publishers announced Friday that a musical companion to Albom's upcoming novel “The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto” will come out through Republic Records on Nov. 6, four days ahead of the book's release. Arranged to complement Albom's story of guitarist Frankie Presto and his journey through 20th-century music, the 17-song soundtrack combines original recordings sung by Fredericks, Mat Kearney and Albom himself among others, with such older tracks as Bennett's “Lost in the Stars” and Warwick's “A House is Not a Home.” Pre-orders of the soundtrack will include an audio download of Albom reading from the book's first two chapters.

Vegas illusionist Criss Angel cancels shows to visit ill son

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Las Vegas magician Criss Angel says he's canceling shows for the first time in seven years to visit his young son who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. The magician, whose real name is Christopher Nicholas Sarantakos, stars in “Criss Angel BeLIEve” by Cirque Du Soleil at the Luxor casino-hotel. A statement released Friday said Angel was canceling his shows beginning that night through Nov. 1 to be with his nearly 2-year-old son, Johnny Crisstopher Sarantakos, in Australia. Tickets would be refunded or exchanged. The statement from the production said the boy was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia earlier this week. It says Angel had never missed a show in more than 3,000 performances.

Cumberbatch and ‘Sherlock’ to return for 4th season

LONDON (AP)—There will be more mysteries to solve for the sleuth of Baker Street. The BBC confirmed Saturday that filming on a fourth series of the hit detective drama “Sherlock” will start in next spring. The modern-day update of Arthur Conan Doyle's classic detective stories stars Benedict Cumberbatch as Sherlock Holmes and Martin Freeman as his stalwart companion, Dr. Watson. Since “Sherlock” first aired in 2010, Cumberbatch has become a global star, Academy Award-nominated for “The Imitation Game.” Freeman has starred in “The Hobbit” movie saga and in TV's “Fargo.” The BBC in Britain and PBS' “Masterpiece” in the United States have also announced they will broadcast a 90-minute “Sherlock” special episode on Jan. 1. Titled “The Abominable Bride,” it sends the characters back to the stories' original late 19th-century setting.

Joey, of country duo Joey and Rory, stops cancer treatment

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Rory Feek, of the husband and wife country duo Joey and Rory, said his wife is ending her cancer treatment after a recurrence of tumors. Joey Feek had undergone surgery earlier this year to treat her cervical cancer that was being treated with chemotherapy and radiation. But in a blog post on Friday, Rory Feek said a new scan showed that the tumors had returned and the cancer was still spreading. A manager for the couple confirmed that that they were ending treatment. Feek wrote that they have reached the end of what medicine can do and that his wife had returned home to spend time with their young daughter. The couple won an award from the Academy of Country Music for top new vocal duo in 2010.

Man returns to his ex and kids while married to someone else

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I have been back together for eight months. We were divorced for two years, during which time he remarried. We stayed in contact during his second marriage and he says he still loves me, so he left her.

He's now back with me after living on his own for a few months. I'm frustrated because he won't commit to me again. He says he has forgiven me for what broke up our marriage, but he will never consider remarrying me.

He says he has lost faith in all women. He says one marriage to me was enough and that he's confused. He told me it's fine with him if I put my rings back on. He introduces me as his wife when we're out together, but won't divorce his second wife.

I know I'm coming on too strong and pressuring him to be the man he used to be. I just don't think it's right that he should get all the benefits of having his wife and children back with none of the commitment. Should I back off and give him time to heal, or am I trapping myself in a hopeless relationship that's going to leave me a divorcee?

HOPELESS IN MISSOURI

DEAR HOPELESS: I think we both know the answer to that. Your ex has stated clearly that he will never consider re-

marrying you. Under these circumstances, your wedding rings should remain in the drawer. While he may introduce you as his wife, you are NOT his wife. His WIFE is his wife, which entitles her to all the rights and privileges of her status as a spouse according to the laws of Missouri.

Be prepared to give your ex plenty of time to “heal” WHILE LIVING ON HIS OWN. If he is confused, insist that he work his issues through with a therapist. Allowing him to stay with you while married to someone else was a mistake. You should have thought through how the arrangement might affect your children before you agreed to it.

DEAR ABBY: My mother comes from a large family. While most of the time everyone is kind and fairly respectful, there have been several occasions when gossiping family members have said hurtful things.

Most recently, a comment was made about my 29-year-old brother. He is unmarried and isn't dating anyone. He works two jobs and also participates in fishing tournaments. Someone commented that he “must be gay” because he “has guys sleep over at his house” and “doesn't have a girlfriend.”

For the record, my brother is straight. His fishing teammates sleep over because they leave at 3 a.m. for their tournaments.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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This really annoyed my mom and me. It's no one's business how he chooses to live his life, straight or gay. While we try to distance ourselves from their comments, staying quiet about them is becoming more and more difficult. What can we say without sinking to their level?

SEETHING IN OHIO

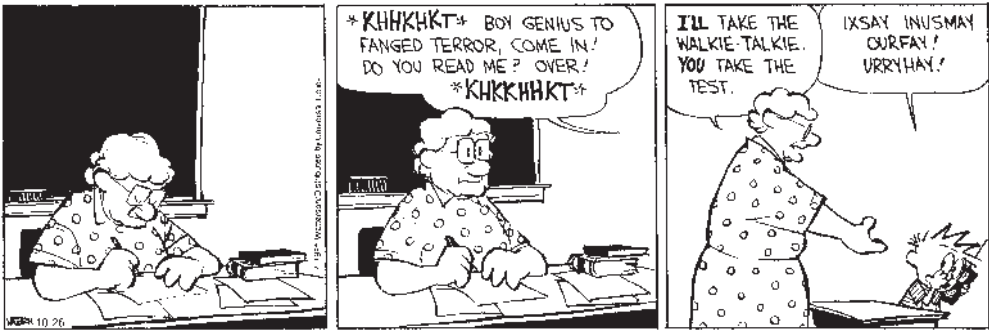
DEAR SEETHING: How about being direct: “My brother/son is not gay. Please stop spreading rumors about him that aren't true because it's really annoying.”

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



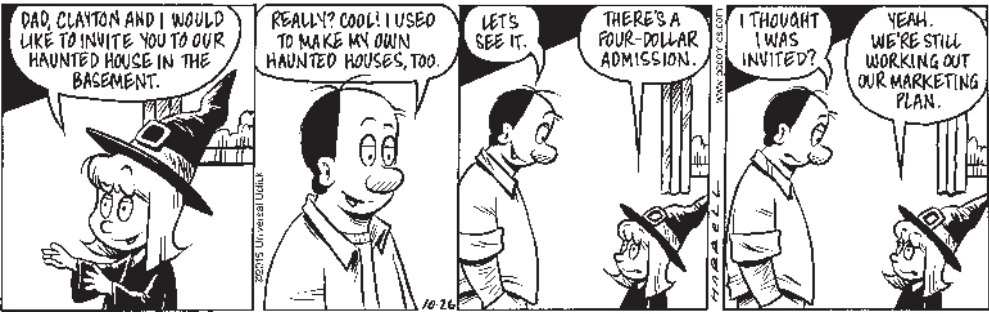
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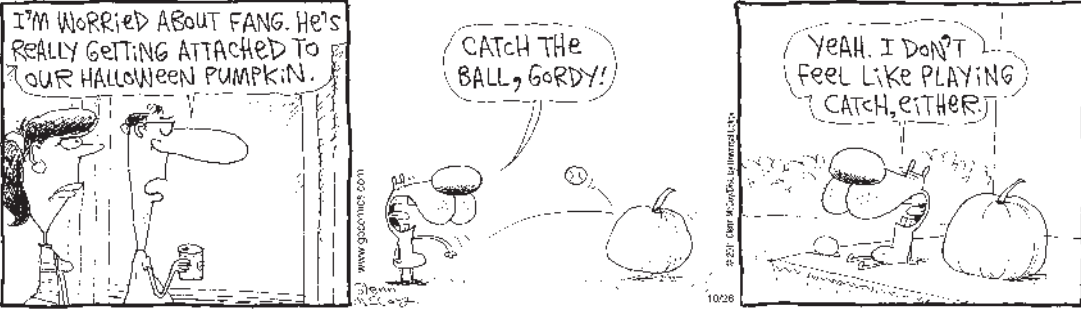
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Solution time: 26 mins.

Friday's answer 10-26

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Seth MacFarlane, 42; Keith Urban, 48; Cary Elwes, 53; Dylan McDermott, 54.

Happy Birthday: Don't wait for change to come to you—make it happen. Discipline will lead to perfection and good fortune. Refuse to let anyone bully you into doing things that will not end up benefiting you. You will be in a better position to help others once you have established your future goals. Your numbers are 2, 13, 17, 23, 28, 39, 41.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A short trip, change of plans or spending time with someone different will get you all fired up and raring to get things done. Added discipline will ensure that you do things properly and in record time. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have plenty of good ideas, but taking on too much will make it difficult to be successful at anything. Choose the plan that excites you the most and put everything you've got into making your dream come true. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your intelligence and you will outshine anyone trying to bully you. Your ability to adapt to change without skipping a beat will buy you the time you need to complete whatever goals you have set. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Promote what you have to offer. Get involved in a cause that will benefit from your skills, and you'll end up in a position that allows you to make significant changes. Visiting someone from your past will lead to greater awareness. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick close to home and do your best to make positive changes that will please the people you love. Use your intelligence to get your way. Using force will only lead to resistance and ongoing problems. Don't let a past partner cause confusion. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen, but don't make impulsive decisions or moves because of what someone tells you. Dig deep and find out the facts. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by taking a practical approach to money matters, contracts and settlements. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make important vocational changes that will help you bring in more money if you follow your heart and identify an organization that could benefit from what you have to offer. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your plans into motion. Don't let anyone slow you down or distract you. Money will come to you from an unusual source. Invest in your future. Love is on the rise, and romance will improve your personal life. ★★★

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Difficulty Level ★

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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL. Solution: 10 letters

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Last Friday's Answer: Boarding

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A tasty World Series set as Royals meet Mets

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Yoenis Cespedes launching long drives, Lorenzo Cain dashing to catch them. Noah Syndergaard zinging 100 mph heat, Alcides Escobar trying to catch up.

The pitching-rich New York Mets, boosted by Daniel Murphy's power surge. The plucky Kansas City Royals, constantly pressuring opponents and aiming to atone for last year's near-miss.

A tasty World Series, served up with some BBQ and bagels. A dead even one, too, beginning Tuesday night at Kauffman Stadium.

"I opened it as a pick," Johnny Avello, head oddsmaker at the Wynn Las Vegas, said Saturday. "I don't remember doing that before in the World Series."

"The Mets, they have that pitching staff that's been unbelievable in the postseason and they can set up their rotation," he said. "The Royals have the home field and all that experience. They were glad to make it there last time, and now they're looking for the W."

The Royals locked in the matchup Friday night, beating Toronto 4-3 in Game 6 of AL Championship Series. They scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning when Cain sprinted home from first base on a single.

"They seem relentless," Murphy observed Saturday during a workout. "They never stop coming. What a great characteristic to have as a ballclub."

The Mets were waiting to see who they'd play, having swept the Cubs on Wednesday night in the NLCS.

"Really good team. Really good pitching over there," Escobar, MVP of the ALCS, said about the New Yorkers.

Already, the clubs have made history—this is the first World Series between franchises born in the expansion-era 1960s.

Maybe more on deck.

Can Murphy, never a major home run threat with the Mets,



AP
Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Yordano Ventura reacts as he leaves the game during the sixth inning in Game 6 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the Toronto Blue Jays on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo.

are known for speed, defense and their bullpen. Cain and the other fleet outfielders seem to catch everything, and young ace Yordano Ventura has made his mark with every hard fastball.

Kansas City also has loads of World Series experience and added veteran Ben Zobrist and Johnny Cueto for the pennant push.

Mets manager Terry Collins is in his first World Series, as are nearly all his players. Few of them had been in the postseason until this year.

No matter, they did just fine in the deciding Game 5 of the Division Series vs. major league ERA leader Zack Greinke at Dodger Stadium. Didn't hurt them against the big-hitting Cubs, either—the Mets never trailed for a single inning in that series.

extend his record by connecting in a seventh straight postseason game? How will Kendrys Morales, Escobar and KC's contact hitters fare against Matt Harvey, Jacob deGrom and the fresh New York aces? When will closers Jeurys Familia and Wade Davis ever give up a run?

Plus, the first World Series action at Citi Field when the scene shifts for Game 3. Then Game 4 on Halloween night, followed by Game 5 in November on the day of the New York City Marathon.

Plenty of stars on both sides—David Wright and Curtis Granderson for New York; Alex Gordon, Eric Hosmer and Salvador Perez for Kansas City—who fans can follow into the future.

In fact, consider this a preview

for the 2016 season. Yep, opening day in the majors next April 4 is Mets at Royals.



This much is certain: One team wearing blue is about to end a long drought.

The Royals, who lost to San Francisco in Game 7 at home last October, haven't won the crown since George Brett and Bret Saberhagen starred in 1985. The Mets' most recent title came in 1986, led by Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden.

Over the years, the Royals and Mets did share some things. David Cone, Carlos Beltran and Saberhagen are among the guys who played for both teams.

The teams have met only nine times since interleague play began in 1997, with the Royals holding a 5-4 edge. The Mets haven't even visited Kan-

sas City since 2004.

But not much to link this current crop of Mets and Royals to each

other. Other than a pair of clubs playing real sharp ball these days.

Manager Ned Yost's Royals

SIDEBAR

Mets name rotation: Harvey, deGrom, Syndergaard

NEW YORK (AP)—Looking for a fast start in the World Series, the hard-throwing New York Mets will hand the ball to Matt Harvey.

With their opponent now in place, Mets manager Terry Collins announced his rotation Saturday when the team worked out at Citi Field. Harvey was picked to pitch the opener at Kansas City on Tuesday night, followed by Jacob deGrom in Game 2.

When the best-of-seven series shifts to New York, the National League champions will turn to rookies Noah Syndergaard and Steven Matz.

"I do think the depth of our starting pitching gives us a good chance against almost anybody," general manager Sandy Alderson said.

Collins said the Mets wanted to give deGrom an extra day of rest, and they like going into Kauffman Stadium with their top two starters. They also feel good about Syndergaard pitching at home, where he's been most successful.

"We thought that's a good mix," Collins said, adding Harvey could be available out of the bullpen in a potential Game 7.

No matter which starter is on the mound for the Mets, one thing is certain: He throws hard.

New York delivered 5,752 pitches clocked at 95 mph or better this season, by far the most in the majors, according to STATS. (The Royals were second at 4,315).

That makes for an intriguing matchup against a Kansas City lineup that struck out the fewest times of any team in the regular season and had the highest contact rate in the big leagues.

Royals batters hit a major league-best .300 on heaters 95 mph or faster, STATS said.

"We're not going to change the way we go about things. We've still got to pitch to our strengths and our strength is power," Collins said. "I still think we'll strike some people out because our guys have got good stuff."

Harvey shut down the Chicago Cubs in the NL Championship Series opener and won both his playoff starts.

Last season's NL Rookie of the Year, deGrom is 3-0 with a 1.80 ERA in three postseason outings.

Syndergaard, the hardest thrower of the group with a fastball that tops out around 99-100 mph, is 1-1 with a 2.77 ERA in three games—including his first career relief appearance.

Those young arms are the reason the surprising Mets were installed as pick 'em or even a slight favorite to beat a club that's captured consecutive AL pennants.

"We're playing against a team that has a comparable payroll, so if anything I think that is some evidence money is not absolute king," Alderson said.

Kansas City, which finished off Toronto in the ALCS on

Friday night, fell just short of a World Series crown last year with a Game 7 loss at home to San Francisco.

"It just seems like they're a competitive, fiery bunch - I think kind of like our guys," Mets captain David Wright said. "It just seems like they kind of never go away. It seems like they always find a way to win. And no matter what the score is, no matter what the situation is, they grind it out and they just, they never die. And I think that that's a tremendous compliment for a team, so we're going to have our hands full, for sure."

The Mets were watching as the Royals edged the Blue Jays in Game 6. Wright said about 15 players went out to dinner together and kept their eyes on the ALCS on a night when several Mets also appeared on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and attended the New York Islanders game in Brooklyn.

"We know about the back end of that bullpen, the way they're able to shorten games," said NLCS MVP Daniel Murphy, who has homered in a record six straight postseason games. "So it's going to be fun. I think we'll be prepared."

Cespedes said he believes he'll be ready as well, even though he did little during Saturday's workout other than leg work in the gym.

The slugging outfielder received a cortisone injection in his sore left shoulder Thursday after leaving the NLCS finale Wednesday night.

AP Sources: Phillies will hire Matt Klentak to be GM



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—

Two people familiar with the decision say the Philadelphia Phillies will hire Matt Klentak to be their general manager.

Both people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Saturday because the team hasn't announced the move. The 35-year-old Klentak had been the Angels assistant general manager since November 2011.

Klentak replaces Ruben Amaro Jr. He was fired in September by new team president Andy MacPhail.

Klentak previously worked for MacPhail in Baltimore as the Orioles director of baseball operations from 2008-11. He then served as the No. 2 man behind GM Jerry DiPoto for four seasons. Klentak interviewed for DiPoto's job after he resigned

this summer. The Angels hired Billy Eppler earlier this month.

Meanwhile, in Seattle, the Mariners hired former big league catcher Scott Servais as their manager Friday, giving the job to someone with ties to the new front office but no experience running a team.

The 48-year-old Servais replaces Lloyd McClendon, who was fired earlier this month after Seattle went 76-86. Servais will be formally introduced by the team next week.

New Mariners general manager Jerry Dipoto made the announcement. Servais has worked the past five seasons as an assistant general manager for the Los Angeles Angels and worked alongside Dipoto for most of that time. Dipoto resigned as Angels GM on July 1.

Not only did Dipoto and Ser-

vais work together with the Angels, they were teammates for one season in Colorado in 2000.

Servais oversaw the Angels' scouting and player development, and had wanted to be on a major league coaching staff. He joined Dipoto and the Angels in 2011 after spending six seasons as the senior director of player development with Texas. Servais was credited with the growth of slugger Nelson Cruz during the time together with the Rangers—Cruz now plays for Seattle.

Servais spent time with Houston, the Cubs and San Francisco during his playing career. He hit .245 with 63 home runs and 319 RBIs in 820 career games. Servais served as a catching instructor for the Cubs for two seasons after retiring and was a scout in Colorado before joining the Rangers front office in 2005.

Popovich to coach Team USA after Coach K



NEW YORK (AP)—When it came time for a pro coach again, the U.S.

basketball team turned to the one considered the NBA's best.

Gregg Popovich, winner of five NBA championships, will have a chance to lead a team to Olympic gold.

The San Antonio Spurs coach was hired Friday to replace Mike Krzyzewski as the U.S. basketball coach following the 2016 Olympics, a job he never knew he would get despite his undeniable place in coaching history.

"I can't imagine having this opportunity," Popovich said at a press conference in San Antonio. "It's still sinking in ... but I love it."

Popovich will take over start-

Pistons rout Hawks in NBA preseason finale



AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)—Stanley Johnson scored 20 points and Marcus Morris added 17 points and 10 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons routed the Atlanta Hawks 115-87 on Friday night in the teams' preseason finale.

Hawks: Reserve Mike Scott had 20 points in 29 minutes. . Walter Tavares had 12 rebounds, playing much of the game against Andre Drummond, but only made 1 of 6 shots.

Pistons: Reserve Jodie Meeks had 17 points. . Drummond had 13 points and 8 rebounds while only playing 18 minutes.

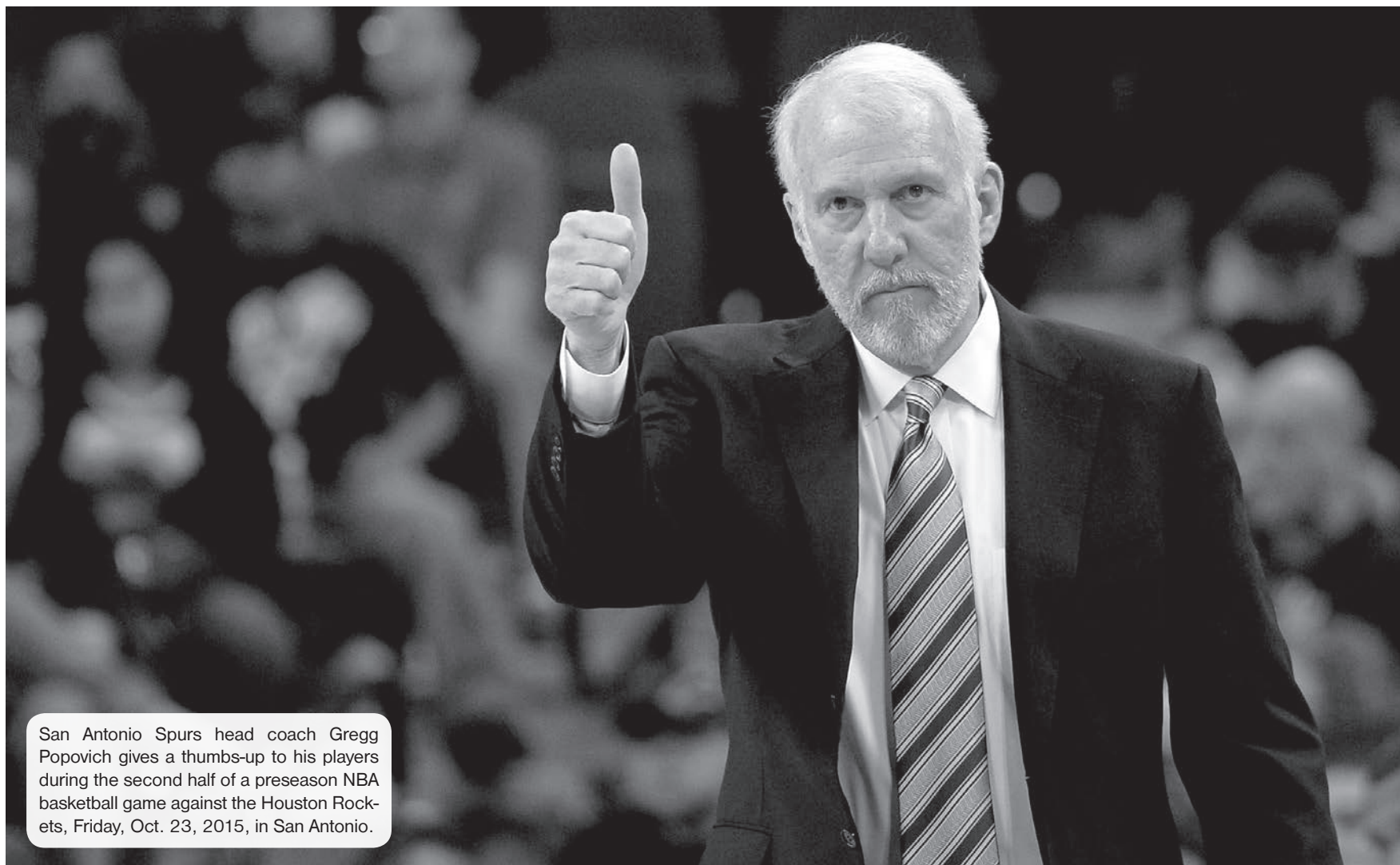
Nice debut: After missing the first seven preseason games with a concussion, Steve Blake made his first appearance in a Pistons uniform. He finished with 12 assists in 24 minutes.

Limited Rosters: With the teams playing each other in the regular-season opener on Tuesday, both coaches held back significant portions of their rosters. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Reggie Jackson and Ersan Ilyasova all sat out for Detroit, while Atlanta left Al Horford, Kyle Korver, Paul Millsap, Thabo Sefolosha and Tiago Splitter at home.

Late signing: After the game the Pistons announced the signing of guard Ryan Boatright.

The 6-foot Boatright went undrafted out of Connecticut in 2015 and signed with the Brooklyn Nets. In four preseason games with the Nets, Boatright averaged 4.3 points, 1.5 rebounds and 3.8 assists in 13.9 minutes before being released.

Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.



San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich gives a thumbs-up to his players during the second half of a preseason NBA basketball game against the Houston Rockets, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, in San Antonio.

ing with 2017 training camp and lead the Americans into the 2019 Basketball World Cup and 2020 Olympics if they qualify.

Krzyzewski has led the Americans since 2005. When USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo decided to tab a pro coach, there was no question where to look.

"I had a short list," Colangelo said. "It started and ended with Pop."

LeBron James, who has played in three Olympics, called Popovich the best coach in the world.

"Team USA is in good hands with him," James said. "It was in good hands with Coach K. It's almost like 'The Godfather.' We hand it off to Michael Corleone now."

Krzyzewski has guided the Americans to consecutive Olympic gold medals, two world titles

and a 75-1 record. The Duke coach, the first from college to coach the U.S. since NBA players were allowed in the Olympics in 1992, will stay on as a special adviser to Colangelo.

Popovich was a U.S. assistant in the 2002 world championships and 2004 Olympics, the low point of U.S. basketball. Colangelo was hired to assemble the national team program following the bronze medal in Athens. He selected Krzyzewski as his coach after considering Popovich.

Popovich was angry then that Colangelo said he detected a lack of interest when he spoke to Popovich about the job. This time, Popovich not only made clear his interest, but also that it was predicated on working with Colangelo.

"We talked about a lot of things. The past. The future,"

Colangelo said. "He asked me a question: 'Are you going to stay on? Are you going to continue? Because if you're not, then I don't have interest. Which I thought was pretty interesting, coming from him that quickly."

"Everything about life is timing. I think this was meant to be right now."

Krzyzewski had decided that next summer will be his last as U.S. coach, but Colangelo already committed to staying on to help guide the Americans through a number of changes in international basketball that will determine how teams qualify for the Olympics.

The 66-year-old Popovich has a 1,022-470 record as an NBA coach, all with the Spurs, and will take over a U.S. program that has been nearly unbeatable under Krzyzewski.

The Americans finished third

in the 2006 worlds, their first tournament under Krzyzewski, and have won 63 straight games. They will be heavily favored to win next summer in Rio de Janeiro with what Colangelo has already said could be the best U.S. team ever.

Things could get a little trickier after that. FIBA, basketball's governing body, has already chosen a new qualification system for future worlds and Olympics that will include some games during the NBA season.

Popovich will be expected to miss those. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said the league will not stop the schedule for the FIBA competitions, so the expectation was that Popovich and NBA players wouldn't be available.

The NBA preferred one of its coaches get the next chance

after Krzyzewski, and Silver praised the choice.

"For the USAB program, I think it's fantastic that you've gone from Coach K, who will go down as the greatest or certainly one of the greatest college coaches of all time, to an NBA coach viewed as one of our greatest coaches ever," Silver said.

Popovich had long been considered the best coach to take over once Krzyzewski decided not to return. He led the Spurs to championships in 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2014, and like Coach K has military ties as a 1970 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"This is a pretty overwhelming situation," Popovich said. "There are so many people out there that could do this sort of thing and to be selected and asked to do it is a very humbling experience, to say the least."

Brett Stegmaier takes 1-shot lead in Las Vegas



LAS VEGAS (AP)—Brett Stegmaier birdied the final hole Saturday for a 3-under 68 and a one-stroke lead in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Making his fifth career PGA Tour start, Stegmaier rebounded for a bogey on the par-3 17th with a 13-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th to reach 13-under 68. The 32-year-old former University of Florida player completed a second-round 66 on Saturday morning for a share of the lead.

"It played a little tougher, so played a little more conservatively," Stegmaier said. "Certainly happy to make

four birdies and one bogey and be in the lead."

He's sticking with a simple approach.

"Just do the same things, not really look at leaderboards until maybe the last three holes," Stegmaier said. "I've played really well the last two months. Been doing the same things, just try and read the greens well. I feel like if I read the greens well, I'll play well. That's the main goal tomorrow."

Morgan Hoffman was second after a 66. After making four birdies in a four-hole stretch, he hooked his drive on 18 into the desert rocks and ended up saving bogey with a 10-foot putt.

"I was just saying if I could

see the ball in there and it wasn't in the bush, I'd give it a shot," Hoffmann said. "Yeah, lucky to get out of there with bogey."

Jimmy Walker, former UNLV player Chad Campbell and 2011 winner Kevin Na were tied for third at 11 under. Walker had a 69, Na shot 68, and Campbell 70.

"I think that the pins are a lot more difficult than they normally are, a lot of tough pins," Walker said. "It's like they don't want us to make birdies. A lot of holes, par is pretty good here."

Campbell agreed.

"There wasn't a whole lot of low scores," Campbell said. "It was pretty hard to get to

those pins. But I feel like I played OK, and looking forward to tomorrow."

Alex Cejka had a hole-in-one on the 212-yard 17th in a 66 that left him at 10 under along with Nick Taylor (67), Jason Bohn (69) and Cameron Tringale (70).

Cejka won the Puerto Rico Open last year for his first PGA Tour title. The 44-year-old Czech-born German lives in Las Vegas.

"It was a good 6-iron for me, perfect yardage," Cejka said. "I tried to hit it a little bit right. I struck it well, and pitched pretty good and was rolling toward the pin and then suddenly disappeared. It's a

great bonus, especially in front of the home crowd here, and then to top it off with a birdie on 18, that's fabulous."

Rickie Fowler was tied for 28th at 6 under after a 70, playing the last four holes in even par without making a par. He eagled the short par-4 15th, hitting a drive to 5 feet, then hit into the water on the next two holes for a bogey on the par-5 16th and a double on the par-3 17th. He birdied the par-4 18th with a 12-foot putt.

"It was a little irritating," Fowler said. "Sixteen and 17 cost me a lot of shots this week. It would be nice to possibly get some back there. I haven't made particularly bad swings, just hit it kind of the wrong directions at the wrong time."

Armatech pounds Maplas in Masters

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Armatech took the early lead in the Masters division of the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League after crushing Maplas, 88-42, last Friday at the San Antonio court.

Armatech improved to a 2-0 record to move to the top spot in the 10-team field, while Maplas is at the bottom with its 0-2 slate.

Both teams started slow with Armatech scoring only 14 points in the first quarter against the 6 of

Maplas, but once that former got into its rhythm in the second quarter the win came in handy. At the end of the second canto, Armatech zoomed to a 38-21 lead. Five Armatech players joined forces in the breakaway en route to the biggest winning margin posted so far in the Masters division.

Big man Bruce Berline paced Armatech with his 17 points, as he cherry-picked in the paint against the much smaller Maplas frontliners.

In other Masters results, VM Production debuted with a 74-72 victory against CES Electronics (0-3) last Wednesday.

It was a come-from-behind win for VM Production, as it

trailed by 6, 41-47, going into the third period and even faced a double-digit deficit at halftime, 27-38.

Henry Manipon and Amor Zapata teamed up in VM Production's recovery in the fourth, as they fired 10 and 9 points, respectively, with the former making the go-ahead basket and the latter drilling two straight field goals in the homestretch.

OPEN DIVISION MJD 87, Ask Y U B 78.

MJD Enterprise is back on top of the East Group after outclassing the then unbeaten Ask Y U B last Wednesday.

MJD now has a 3-1 card to

lead Ask Y U B (2-1), Sonics (2-1), Islander (1-1), 5-Star (0-1), and Maplas (0-1).

Freddie Pelisamen, who did not play in MJD's loss to Islander, 70-76, made up for his absence as he knocked in a game-high 41 points. After scoring only two field goals in the first period, Pelisamen was unstoppable in the last three quarters, as he nailed baskets in succession. He had his longest scoring streak in the third frame when he fired 10 straight points to hand MJD a 65-57 lead after they trailed at halftime, 41-43.

Pelisamen was still at it in the final canto, as he added 15 more points, including 6 consecutive markers and a triple that was MJD's last basket in the match.

started with the team hanging on to a 59-58 lead after staring at a 36-41 halftime deficit.

Franco Muna helped the Sonics keep the driver's seat in the

fourth period after scoring 8 of his 10 points in the payoff frame. Four other Sonics players contributed at least two baskets apiece.



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Armatech's Manny Duenas pulls up for a shot against Rodolfo Barrios during the fourth quarter of their Masters game in the San Antonio caging last Friday at the San Antonio court.

Bills offer look at St. Louis' stake in new stadium



ST. LOUIS (AP)—St. Louis city will pay \$6 million a year toward a new riverfront football stadium and rebate an undetermined portion of game-day taxes to the team, according to a newspaper report Friday that cited draft measures by the city's governing board.

The yearly \$6 million is the

same amount that now covers debt payments on the current Edward Jones Dome, covering roughly \$70 million of the \$150 million that Mayor Francis Slay's office has committed to the billion-dollar project's construction and planning, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

The second half of the money will not be paid by the city but by the public authority that

owns the Jones Dome, according to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen legislation. That would be done largely by leveraging a recently announced \$158 million naming rights deal involving the proposed stadium.

It's unclear if St. Louis will have an NFL team when the stadium is finished. Rams owner Stan Kroenke is seeking to move to Los Angeles.

U18 Sonics 87, KB Market 80

The Sonics barged into the win column after a 0-2 start following a 7-point victory against KB Market (0-2).

It was a seesaw battle in the U18 pairing last Wednesday with the Sonics victorious in the end after getting contributions from a lot of their players. Eight Sonics players made it to the board in the final canto, which

Saipan Little League board appeals to members

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The Saipan Little League Board Inc.'s outgoing officers are again appealing to their members to attend another meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 5pm at the pavilion beside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Last Saturday was supposed to be the SLLBI's election for its new set of board members, who will then vote among themselves the new officers of the 2016 Saipan Little League season.

SLLBI president Ben Jones again called off last Saturday's election as less than 20 members

attended the meeting that started at 10am. This was the third time the election was postponed after the Oct. 10 meeting was reset due to lack of voting members, while the Oct. 16 event was rescheduled due to Tropical Storm Champi.

"I'm calling on all the managers, coaches, and assistant coaches who handled teams last season to attend the meeting on Wednesday. I'm also inviting the parents and other volunteers as well, and the managers, coaches, and assistant coaches that were selected to the CNMI All-Star teams, so we could get things started,"



Jones said.

He even suggested that each member should tag along one or two others for the next meeting or car pool together to attend Wednesday's meeting. If only a few members would attend the Wednesday meeting, the next schedule is set after All Souls Day since everyone would be busy cleaning the graves of dead relatives or remembering their dearly departed, Jones added.

SLLBI secretary Piding Tenorio, who is also the player's agent of the outgoing board, said a member must be present

to be elected to the board.

"You must be present in order for you to get nominated and be elected as a member of the board. The board will then vote or choose among themselves who would fill the seven positions," added Tenorio.

The positions up for grabs are president, vice president secretary, treasurer, chief statistician, player's agent, and safety officer. The elected president will then preside on all board meetings in order to plan the 2016 Saipan Little League season.

For more information, call incumbent SLLBI vice president Annie Flores at 285-1219 or Tenorio at 285-1024.

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two-cornered fight for the men's Open crown against Roberto.

In other results, the female Junior Fitness category attracted seven participants with six vying for the Tall Class. Nishi

Dubrall topped the Short Class, while Tonya Lizama won the Tall Class title with Zoey Cruz coming in second and Emily Ngeskebei placing third. Kierah Lee, Angela Barbo, and Tawny Ngeskebei finished fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively.

Jonas Barcinas was the chief

judge of the night's event and was joined by last year's overall bodybuilding event winner Aaron Tomokane, Olivia Tenorio, and Guam bodybuilder Mike Duay at the judges' table.

Barcinas said programs like this promote a healthier lifestyle in the CNMI. "It's great to have

a healthy lifestyle. We hope more people support and create programs like this."

Tomokane said it was a different feeling being the judge this time compared to competing on stage. "It feels weird. But I know what these guys went through just to compete."

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misses than baskets in the final canto and the best that Mamba could do was moved within eight, 52-60. A Makaloro Lang 8-2 run anchored by Ivan Devero's 5 straight points took away Mamba's chance for a comeback.

Devero finished the semis game in double figures with his 18 points, while Errol Peredo top-scored for Makaloro Lang with his 24. Ernie Moises was

the third Makaloro Lang player to register twin digits with his 12, while Matt Buenabajo and Raymond Velasco chipped in 18 apiece.

Velasco, Moises, Peredo, and Devero nailed two baskets each in the first period to give Makaloro Lang a 25-19 lead. Mamba fell behind early as only Adonis Macoto and Christian Devero converted more than one basket in the first frame.

In the second canto, Makaloro Lang continued to spread the wealth to make it a double-digit

spread 44-32. It was the same story in the third quarter, as Makaloro Lang showed better ball movement to free up their players for easy shots, while Mamba's offense became predictable with Brendon Taliania taking the most shots for his squad. By the end of the third period, Makaloro Lang was still up by 12, 56-44, and Mamba failed to overhaul the deficit in the payoff frame with time and the court condition against the latter's side.

Meanwhile, the Makaloro

Lang-Red Rice winner-take-all finals will be played this Sunday. Red Rice went ahead to the championship game after eliminating Pasion De Amor last week, 91-77.

Makaloro Lang 75 – Peredo 24, Devero 18, Moises 12, Buenabajo 8, Velasco 8, Jugos 3, De Leon 2.

Mamba 65 – Devero 21, Taliania 19, Macoto 12, Abadilla 6, Tolosa 5.

Scoring by quarters: 25-19, 44-32, 56-44, 75-65.

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Island Club's south parking lot.

Isip topped the men's MTB, just almost two seconds ahead of runner-up Charlie Sendin, who also secured second place by a few seconds against Noel Altamirano. Isip crossed the finish line in 1:36:07.38 with Sendin following closely at 1:36:08.56. Altamirano settled for third after submitting 1:36:09.24.

The same scenario happened in the men's road bike event with the riders going neck-and-neck entering the finish line. In the end, Ferrer outsprinted young rider Erico Castro as the former crossed the finish line 1.13 seconds ahead of the latter. Ferrer clocked in 1:31:43.91 against the 1:31:44.78 of Castro, who again finished second in the annual event. Nap Dizon, last year's men's road bike champion, finished third with a time of 1:31:45.37.

In the women's division, Quinn managed to hold on against Heather Kennedy's strong challenge to the finish line. Quinn timed in at 1:36:09.72, to win the women's road bike crown against the

1:36:10.02 submitted by Kennedy, who bested the 1:36:10.84 of triathlete Kimiko McKagan.

Kohnen, last year's runner-up in women's road bike, this time was the fastest in women's MTB, having a comfortable lead of almost 10 minutes against closest pursuer Emily Morrell. She had a time of 2:14:51.66 against the 2:23:41.62 of Morrell, while Clare Summers ended up at third with 2:32:41.78.

The annual bike race—supported in part by Pepsi, Monster, Calvo's Insurance, and IT&E—was a fundraising event with the proceeds going to Commonwealth Cancer Association. It was also considered as a pre-Hell of the Marianas race.

The race route started at PIC's south parking lot with bikers heading toward Airport and Tun Herman Pan roads before turning right to Isa Drive and up to Capitol Hill. From Capitol Hill, bikers turned right to Chalan Pale Arnold and went to Wing Beach where the U-turn slot is located. From Wing Beach they headed back to Beach Road until they reached the finish line at PIC.

NMIVA Fundraising Event



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Officials and members of the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association pose for a group photo during the group's fundraising event last Oct. 11 at the Hyatt Regency-Saipan beachfront.



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Charnessa Lizama, left, and Toni Yamada of Team Aloha.

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Members of Team Underinflated and Team Aloha are all smiles after their finals match.



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Team Aloha's Alfredo Guevarra, second left, celebrates their victory doing the human flag and is surrounded by teammates, from left, Mychael Omar, Toni Yamada, and Charnessa Lizama.



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The CNMI girls' Under-19 team members pose for a photo after NMIVA's fundraising event.



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Charnessa Lizama, left, and Toni Yamada compete in the spectators' division of the serving rally event.



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Volleyball coach Kathy Winkfield, left, keeps track of the time during the serving rally event.



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Adele Hudkins, left, serves in her elimination round match against Zari-nae Sapong, partly hidden, during the serving rally event.



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Team Underinflated members show off their Gold's Gym Saipan gift certificates.



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Sabrina Pangelinan, left, prepares to serve.



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Cutting rules Clayton Classic



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Derek Cutting showed up with the most defined muscles to clinch the overall bodybuilding crown in last Saturday's Dee Clayton Championships at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

Cutting, a fitness coach and nutritionist, was the judges' and crowd's overall choice and he went on to beat Saipan World Resort gym instructor Alvin Rebong and Jun Riodique in the fourth edition of the annual bodybuilding tournament.

Cutting, competing as a middleweight, is fresh from a second place finish in the 2015 Guam Fitness National Championships held last September at the Leo Palace in Guam. Rebong and Riodique were listed in the lightweight and welterweight divisions. Cutting also received the Best Abs (abdominal muscles) award.

Aside from bodybuilding, the Dee Clayton Classic also held competitions in the Figure, Physique, Fitness, and Bikini categories.

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Derek Cutting shows off his winning physique to take the overall crown in the bodybuilding category of last Saturday's Dee Clayton Championships at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

settled for the runner-up honors, while singer-turned-fitness buff Joy Trinidad came in at third in her first competition.

Cui got the better of Gordon in the female Open Fitness category with Catherine Regalado finishing third.

Enrico Valdez was the men's overall Physique champion, prevailing against Alberto Roberto and veteran Ben Tabin, who earned the Masters title. Valdez, who was also given the Best Poser special award, won in his

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Chomstar Gordon successfully defended her women's Figure title beating Jennifer Cui in the hotly contested event. Cui

Makalaro Lang gains last finals berth

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Makalaro Lang set a finals date against Red Rice following a 75-65 victory over Mamba in their semifinals match last Saturday night at the Navy Hill Basketball Court.

Makalaro Lang led right at the get-go to finally secure the second finals berth in the nine-team league. The Makalaro Lang-Mamba semis duel was suspended twice due to rain and was in

danger of being halted anew in the fourth quarter due to darkness but both teams decided to continue playing at the unlit court.

The fourth period began with Makalaro holding a 56-44 advantage and that gave them enough cushion and less pressure on scoring, which became difficult in the last five minutes and change of the match as the court was already covered in darkness.

Both teams traded more

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Close finishes in Bike For Life 50K race

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BIKE FOR LIFE

Three events in last Saturday's Bike For Life 50-kilometer race ended up in close finishes.

Mark Isip, Bob Ferrer, and Kanae Quinn ruled the men's mountain bike and men's road bike divisions, and women's road bike, respectively, by a hairline with Beth Kohnen the only exception as she had a comfortable lead to clinch the women's mountain bike title.

The Top 3 riders in the men's MTB and road bike, and women's road bike events seemed to be shadowing each other in the last few meters of the race that started and ended at the Pacific

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Emily Morrell maneuvers her MTB as she makes her climb toward Isa Drive in last Saturday's Bike For Life 50-kilometer race. Morrell finished second in the women's MBT.



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Makalaro Lang's Ivan Devero challenges the defense of his brother and Mamba's Christian, left, and Stephen Tolosa during their semis game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Saturday at the Navy Hill court.